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Value for Money. Bred in Virginia by Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds, one of the region's newest millionaires, Long On Value, rolls to victory in the Grade 1 Highlander Stakes at Woodbine Racetrack in late June.

In this issue

Region storms Belmont Stakes Weekend

Pushed by a Grade 1 win from Pennsylvania-bred Spring Quality in the Manhattan, the Mid-Atlantic enjoys a banner weekend at Belmont Park as Still Having Fun (Maryland), Our Braintrust (Maryland) and Prince Lucky (Pennsylvania) also shine on the big stage. By Joe Clancy. [Page 22](#)

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## POST TIME

**BABYSITTERS.** Young riders from the Green Spring Valley pony camp greet a foal (or a foal greets them) at Sagamore Farm in June.

Carol Fenwick photo



## SAY IT AGAIN

“We’ve sold two hats, so we’re cash-flow positive.”

*Maryland Horse Breeders Association’s Jordyn Egan, whose swag tent was a hit at the yearling show (that was early in the sunny day; sales picked up considerably later)*

“They say they’re the ones that wouldn’t get on the van this morning.”

*Judge Rick Violette, about some scratches from the yearling show*

“Bill called me six months ago or something and I said I would do it. Then he sent last year’s program and I wondered what I had gotten myself into.”

*Violette, a New York-based trainer, on the challenge of judging yearlings*

“I don’t belong there. I’m serious. There are legends on there. Dozens of Hall of Famers are on that list. It’s scary. It was an honor being here, no question.”

*Violette, on joining the honor roll of past judges (which includes 26 members of racing’s Hall of Fame)*

“It would not be easy to be the judge.”

*Owner/breeder Ellen Charles, on Violette’s job*

“Teaching this one how to walk.”

*Phil Briones, assistant to steeplechase trainer Bruce Fenwick, on what he was doing for the summer, while showing a yearling*

“Yes it’s a business, but businesses that stop being fun get old and stale.”

*Owner/breeder Stanton “Bo” Smith, about the Thoroughbred business*

“He puts an old man up there that sits still.”

*Jockey Mike Smith, on trainer Bob Baffert’s choice of riders for Triple Crown winner Justify*

“I just watched the clock. I knew it was going to be my friend or my enemy.”

*Baffert, on how he watched the Belmont Stakes*

### YEARLING SHOW JUDGES

Tom Albertrani, 2007  
Charles A. Asbury, 1957  
Thomas W. Barry, 1966  
Clarkson Beard, 1959  
Frank Brothers, 1997  
J. Elliott Burch, 1969  
Preston M. Burch, 1946, 1953  
Patrick Byrne, 1999  
Baden P. (Buzz) Chace, 2009  
Penny Chenery, 1984  
Edward A. Christmas, 1961  
Henry S. Clark, 1960  
Warren A. Croll Jr., 1973  
Grover Greer (Bud) Delp, 1981  
Lou Doherty, 1951  
William duPont Jr., 1955  
Anthony Dutrow, 2014  
Lee Eaton, 1979, 1987  
Paul Ebelhardt, 1950  
Humphrey S. Finney, 1963  
James E. Fitzsimmons, 1933 - 1942  
Joseph F. Flanagan, 1958  
Robert Frankel, 2000  
Cary Frommer, 2010  
Alex B. Gordon, 1948  
Abram S. Hewitt, 1949  
Max Hirsch, 1947  
W.J. Hirsch, 1972  
Neil Howard, 1998  
Hon. George M. Humphrey, 1954  
H. Allen Jenkins, 1991  
LeRoy Jolley, 1976  
J.P. Jones, 1956  
Russell B. Jones Jr., 2011  
Thomas J. Kelly, 1993  
Charles A. Kenney, 1952  
Donato Lanni, 2015

Lucien Laurin, 1974  
Horatio A. Luro, 1964  
Claude (Shug) McGaughey, 1989  
Kiaran McLaughlin, 1996  
Kenneth McPeck, 2013  
Jerome C. Meyer, 1968  
MacKenzie T. Miller, 1970  
William I. Mott, 1994  
Carl Nafzger, 1992  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Oare, 1986  
Paul Paternostro, 1988  
Ben Perkins Sr., 2005  
Danny Perlsweig, 1982  
Stanley D. Petter Jr., 1983  
Virgil W. Raines, 1967  
Linda Rice, 2001  
Timothy F. Ritchey, 2006  
Dale Romans, 2017  
Flint (Scotty) Schulhofer, 1990  
John Servis, 2016  
Jonathan Sheppard, 2004  
Al Stall Jr., 2012  
W.C. (Woody) Stephens, 1975  
Barclay Tagg, 2003  
Michael Trombetta, 2008  
William H. Turner Jr., 1977  
Jack Van Berg, 1985  
John M. Veitch, 1978  
Sylvester W. Veitch, 1965  
Rick Violette, 2018  
John T. Ward Jr., 2002  
Sidney Watters Jr., 1971  
Oscar White, 1962  
John Williams, 1980  
Nicholas (Nick) Zito, 1995



Trainer Rick Violette carefully inspected each of the 96 entries at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association’s 84th annual yearling show in Timonium in June. He joined a long list of highly respected horsemen who have judged the show since 1932.





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## NAMES OF THE MONTH

**Rockaround.** Hi-Rock Stable's West Virginia-bred 3-year-old might not know it, but he shares a name with a front-running hurdle horse of the 1980s. That Rockaround won 14 hurdle races, mostly for Lillian Phipps and trainer Mikey Smithwick. This one won a maiden race at Charles Town in early July.

**Weather.** Short, to the point. The West Virginia-bred 3-year-old filly is out of Storm a Brewing. She made her debut for breeder/owner/trainer Ollie Figgins Jr. at Charles Town July 7.

**War Tweet.** The 3-year-old filly, a runner at Laurel Park this year for owner Jerry Romans and partners, is by Data Link out of Undo.

## GO FIGURE

**1** Guy in a Toronto Maple Leafs sport coat at the Belmont Stakes.

**72** Texts on trainer Tim Keefe's phone 20 minutes after Still Having Fun won the Grade 2 Woody Stephens Stakes at Belmont Park.

## THE RACING BIZ

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## New Colonial Downs to “put a lot of people to work”

*Abridged story by Nick Hahn, posted June 23 in Breaking, Business, Top Stories, Virginia, Virginia Business. Read the story in its entirety at [TheRacingBiz.com](http://TheRacingBiz.com).*

**O**n the eve of a kickoff party reintroducing live horse racing to Virginia, an epic deluge flooded the New Kent County region. When the rain gauge at nearby Richmond International Airport finally settled at 7.39 inches—a rainfall that temporarily closed its runways—Colonial's turf course still appeared capable of hosting the late double. It's been known to happen.

Whether because of the steadily soaking rains or the turf burn six weeks ago, the grass did appear a little greener this summer at Colonial Downs to the enthusiastic crowd on hand for Governor Ralph Northam's ceremonial bill-signing on June 22. The event, held on the front lawn, was the Governor's first visit to Colonial Downs.

After comments, Northam signed the bill to allow historical horse racing machines in Virginia, though regulations are still being prepared for Virginia Racing Commission approval. The bill's passage enabled the sale of the track to its new owner now known as The Colonial Downs Group. It's widely expected that Thoroughbred racing will return to Colonial Downs in the second half of 2019.

“Horse breeding is alive and well. We just want horse racing to be part of the Commonwealth,” Northam told ESPN Richmond on “Hardly Workin with Greg Burton,” who was on-site hosting a radio show Friday afternoon. “It's going to put a lot of people to work here.”

Brent Stevens, on the board of directors of the newly formed Colonial Downs Group, believes the track reopening will lead to 1,400 jobs.

“We see our future as full partners with the horse racing industry here in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the Commonwealth itself, all the business leaders, all the local community leaders here in New Kent County and other localities where we will have a presence in Virginia,” said Stevens.

For many, the gathering was the first opportunity to hear from the new chairman of Colonial Downs, Larry Lucas, whose comments were short and sweet.

Lucas acknowledged “the support we've had from New Kent County,” as well as the Virginia Racing Commission. Speakers included State Senator Tommy Norment and Delegates Michael Weibert and Chris Peace of Virginia's General Assembly, as well as Thomas Evelyn, chairman of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors, all conveying optimism of the track's path to reopening.

A bugler opened the ceremony when he horned several bars of “Charge” before leading into “The Call to the Post.” Many attendees coming back for the event participated in the grand opening of the track in 1997.

### Virginia racing's proposed future:

Regulations proposed by the Virginia Racing Commission would allow 3,000 historical racing terminals statewide while calling for one day of live racing per 100 terminals—at least 30 for max buildout, reports Nick Hahn.

### Deal struck to restart Maryland-bred stakes program:

The Maryland-bred stakes schedule had been put on hold as policy makers worked to overcome a financial crunch caused by better-than-expected success in the state-bred program, reported Frank Vespe.

### Good owners and ability to adjust bearing fruit for Carrasco:

Trainer Victor Carrasco Jr.—the uncle of rider Victor Carrasco—has made some changes to his stock and now is enjoying a productive meet at Delaware Park. Doug McCoy reports.

### Controversy brews in wake of decision on assistant starter:

The Delaware Racing Commission's decision not to impose further penalties on an assistant starter angered some, including PETA—but cheered others, including some riders, relayed Vespe.

### For McCarthy, good to be home again:

Jockey Trevor McCarthy, a Delaware native who made his name riding in the Mid-Atlantic, moved his tack to New York over the winter but now is back in the region riding at Delaware and Monmouth. McCoy caught up with the 24-year-old rider.

### In Focus—Wagering Match Series races:

The Racing Biz's In Focus Guide offers in-depth analysis and commentary to the MATCH Series races. Follow the series and get betting tips through the Sept. 15 finale.



# What's in a Name?

## Dr. James Penny Memorial

*A periodic look at the names of various stakes races in the region or with a regional connection. Who were they? And what did they do to get honored in such a way?*

By Ilana Cramer

**Y**ou could argue that veterinarians are the heart of any racetrack, the interpreters who help connect humans with horses. Good vets must have compassion and a wide range of expertise.

And for 55 years, Dr. James M. Penny, or just “Doc,” was a staple at Mid-Atlantic racetracks. The Philadelphia native found his calling at a young age, when he befriended a local veterinarian who operated a practice in the city. Penny would tag along; his favorite activity was shadowing the veterinarian who took care of the circus animals when they came to town. That gave young Penny a glimpse into the world of caring for animals; from then on he was hooked.

That drive led Penny through college and to veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania. He enveloped himself in schoolwork, and through it met the love of his life, Nancy, the daughter of one of his favorite college professors who taught equine surgery. Following vet school, they made a life growing their family and settling in southwest Philadelphia.

In the 1950s, Penny opened a small-animal practice in his family's remodeled basement after working at Garden State Park, Atlantic City and Monmouth Park in New Jersey and at Delaware Park. In 1969, when racing came to Pennsylvania, he became the track veterinarian at Liberty Bell Park in northeast Philadelphia. From then until the end of his life, in 1999, he worked with horses in various capacities at Liberty Bell, which led him to Keystone Racetrack, which became Philadelphia Park and later Parx Racing.

The names changed, Penny stayed the same through decades of quality care, love for horses and passion for educating the community. In 2000, Parx honored Penny's memory by renaming the Mid-Atlantic Distaff the Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap. Run annually in July at 1½ miles on the turf, the race received Grade 3 status in 2012, further honoring its namesake.

A family man, Doc delighted in his four children and their successes. James M. “Mack” Penny Jr. is the oldest. Growing up

he had many fond memories of the racetrack, traveling to Delaware Park in the summers, running around the backside and spending days watching horses funnel in and out of the starting gates.

“He loved the racetrack,” Mack said about his father. “He would leave the house at 5 in the morning to watch the horses train. Then in the afternoon he usually was at the starting gate. After, he'd rush home to eat dinner with the family.”

Asked why his father was so beloved, Mack keyed on his demeanor and ability to connect with all personalities on the backside.

“There are all sorts of political fights on the track,” Penny said. “The local trainers don't want horses to ship in, there is naturally competition among the jockeys and so forth. Everyone has their own self-interest, and often that self-interest is in competition with someone else's self-interest.”

“My father wasn't involved in any of that. He represented the horses—made sure that each one was sound, and if a horse started a race it was going to finish.”

When Mack gave his father's eulogy, he referenced how Dr. Penny was like “a kid who ran away and joined the circus.” He followed the seasons, traveling to racetracks as the calendar turned.

“He loved everyone from the dreamers who would hope for a Derby winner to Philadelphia royalty with money falling out of their pockets to the trainer with only a couple horses struggling to get by,” Mack said. “There were so many different slices of life at the track; he enjoyed each and every one.”

Dr. Roger Clymans began his “40-something” year career at Liberty Bell. Today, he is semiretired but still fills in as state vet at Parx and thinks of Penny often.

“He was just an extremely special person who stood by his work,” Clymans said. “Doc hardly ever seemed like he had a bad day. He was very knowledgeable and did his job well—it's not an easy thing to do both.”

Dr. Penny rarely lacked stories or words of wisdom.

“The story that Doc always liked to tell was about the Pennsylvania Derby when Broad Brush ran in 1986,” Clymans said. “Doc was at the gate, the race started at the top of the stretch, when they came around the last turn the horse bolted. Doc was on the other side of the track waving his arms trying to flush him back in. The horse straightened out and went on to win the race.”

Jockey Tony Black won his first race at Liberty Bell in 1970 and remembered Doc's guidance.

“In Doc's show of compassion for the animals, he protected the riders,” Black said. “He was very aware of how the horses were training, and he always kept notes on them. Doc also always seemed to have a good handle on the trainers, he knew which ones were on the up-and-up, and he knew exactly what they were doing and what trainers were there that were possibly taking a shot to get rid of a horse in a claiming race.”

Knowing the background of each horse gave Doc insight into its ability and soundness.

“He would always say to riders, ‘If you don't like the way a horse is going in the warm-up, just bring them over to me,’” Black said. “Riders are out there marketing themselves. The young riders are very hesitant to criticize a horse's way of going, because they might ride 10 good ones for a trainer and one bad one. Doc's take on it was, ‘You bring them over and I'll scratch them, and I'll tell the trainer I didn't like him.’”

Dr. Penny had a professionalism about him, an understanding of the game.

“He never threw you under the bus unless you did something wrong,” Black said. “I can remember one particular instance when I was riding. He knew the horse. She had a funny way of going behind.”

Doc called Black over and asked, “Tony are you comfortable on that horse?”

Black replied, “Ya, Doc she has a little hitch in her giddy-up, but she's solid as a rock.”

Of course the horse won.

To this day, Black remembers Doc's words about his job.

“I show compassion for the horses,” the vet told the jockey, “but I am protecting the little guys on their back.”

Black “always respected him for that.” So did everyone else. ✨



## Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred wins AHP awards



**M**id-Atlantic Thoroughbred was recognized with nine awards for material published in 2017 at the American Horse Publications Equine Media Awards June 16 in Hunt Valley, Md. The honors included two first-place awards—one for writing and one for photography.

“My Man o’ War,” a walk down memory lane on the 100th year anniversary of the legendary horse’s birth by freelance writer Maryanna Skowronski, took first place in the feature (circulation under 10,000) category. Judges’ comments noted, “An essay that embraced the larger culture and served its readership better than some of the more pragmatic and practical pieces on this topic.”

Eliza McGraw’s historical feature on Washington, D.C.’s once thriving racetracks placed third in the same category, and

Sandra McKee’s “Preakness Patrol” earned an honorable mention.

JoAnn Hayden’s photograph taken at Dark Hollow Farm in Maryland titled “Joys of Spring” won the editorial photograph category. The photo appeared in the Post Time feature for June. Judges’ comments included: “The photographer did a marvelous job with exposure and patience, which allowed her to capture this magical moment in all its simultaneous calm and excitement.”

Additional honors were a second for John Scheinman’s personal column (circulation under 20,000) “Sundown at Pimlico” from the July issue; editor Joe Clancy’s second in news reporting/related feature for “A Great Loss,” covering the life and death of Ben’s Cat that appeared in August; and McKee’s examination of concussion



protocol for jockeys published in March, which earned an honorable mention in the service to the horse industry category.

Photographer Rick Buckley took third place in the editorial action photograph category with “Muddy Black-Eyed Susan,” shot at Pimlico and appearing in the July magazine; and Lydia A. Williams’ photo of Ben’s Cat and groom Fern Augusti from the August issue, earned an honorable mention for editorial human-animal bond.

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**Donated:** \$300,000 to New Bolton Center’s equine pharmacology laboratory, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, to fund research to detect gene doping in equine athletes. Gene doping involves the transfer or modification of genes or genetically modified cells of healthy human athletes, as well as equine athletes, for non-therapeutic purpose to enhance athletic performance. The donation from the PHBA will provide funding

for Penn Vet’s multi-tiered, multi-year project. Elements include continued research into potential protein and RNA-based biomarkers that have been identified as showing promise for detecting gene doping. The project will also include continued expansion of a BioBank that will be utilized to evaluate baseline levels of these blood-based bio-markers in active and injured race horses, as well as physiological changes in their musculoskeletal structure using

New Bolton Center’s robotics-controlled imaging system. “Our members, all of whom are Pennsylvania Thoroughbred horse breeders, have consistently stated that maintaining integrity in the sport of racing is one of their top priorities,” said Brian Sanfratello, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. “We are pleased to partner with New Bolton Center, an internationally renowned equine hospital and research institution, to fund



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this ground-breaking research and help combat gene doping.” In addition to the PHBA, New Bolton is also seeking additional funding for this research. For information, contact Margaret Leardi at [mleardi@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:mleardi@vet.upenn.edu).

**Named:** As new racing secretary for the Maryland Jockey Club, Chris Merz, in July, replacing Georganne Hale, who was named vice president of racing development for MJC. The first and only woman to serve as racing secretary at a major North American racetrack when promoted to the position in 2000, Hale will work on a number

of initiatives to continue the growth of racing in Maryland. Her responsibilities will include overseeing and coordinating the revitalization of the prestigious D.C. International; assisting with the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship (MATCH) Series, which returned this year after a 16-year absence; leading and monitoring philanthropic initiatives with Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, Beyond the Wire, and Canter for a Cause while serving as a liaison for backstretch programs. Hale started with the Maryland Jockey Club in 1984, became the racing secretary at Timonium in 1986 and was named racing secretary at the Maryland Jockey Club after serving as assistant identifier, placing judge, patrol judge, paddock judge and assistant racing secretary. Merz, a graduate of the Animal Science/Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona, has served as stakes coordina-

tor at Del Mar and assistant racing secretary at Los Alamitos Racecourse since 2015. A former stakes coordinator and placing judge at Golden Gate Fields, Merz has also been a placing judge, entry clerk and assistant clerk of scales.

**Elected:** Chairman of the American Horse Council's Board of Trustees, Jim Gagliano. The president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, Gagliano succeeds Dr. Jerry Black, who served as chairman the past three years. “It's critical that the horse industry continue to work to confront crucial issues collectively,” said Gagliano. “The challenge for the AHC in the coming years will be to work to continue to foster collaborative relationships and move the industry forward as a whole.” The AHC Board of Trustees consists of 17 members, including Alex Waldrop (NTRA), Matt Iuliano (The Jockey Club) and Joe Wilson (TRA).



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**Rode:** On legendary Pimlico Race Course, 229 riders for the fifth annual Canter For The Cause July 8. Riders from throughout the region cantered, walked and trotted their ponies, Thoroughbreds, Clydesdales and Standardbreds, went through the starting gate and posed and took pictures in Pimlico's winner's circle. More than \$10,000 was raised for Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Susan G. Komen Maryland.

**Increased:** Funding to research equine-assisted activities and therapies for military veterans by \$5 million, the federal budget for fiscal year 2019, per an amendment by Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky) in June. The House bill directs appropriators to "transfer \$5 million from the Veterans' Affairs Health Administration's Medical Community Care Account to the Medical Services Account for the explicit use for the VA's Adaptive Sports Grant program, equine assisted therapy." Congress had already endorsed robust EAAT measures by approving increased funds for EAAT within the FY2018 omnibus. By approving the Barr Amendment to FY 2019 appropriations, Congress reinforces an important commitment to the nation's warriors when they return from combat. According to a clinical study conducted with Columbia University, an estimated 14 to 30 percent of U.S. veterans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Numerous equine therapy programs involve retired Thoroughbreds.

**Received:** A major grant from the Ohrstrom Foundation, the National Sporting Library and Museum. The grant was made in May 2018 and will support the NSLM's project to digitize its

collections and share them online. The grant will make it possible for NSLM to purchase scanning equipment designed to take high-resolution images of pages of rare books. Once digital images have been made, they will be added to an online site where readers and researchers can access them from anywhere in the world. "We are incredibly grateful to the Ohrstrom Foundation for their investment in this project," said NSLM's executive director Melanie Mathewes. "The NSLM has a superb book collection, and we cannot wait to make it available to a wider audience." In Middleburg, Va., the NSLM was founded in 1954 and is a renowned research library and fine art museum highlighting the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits. Angling, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the organization's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives and art collection.

**Inducted:** Into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame class of 2018, 19th century racehorse Preakness, by the Historic Review Committee. A foal of 1867 bred by R.A. Alexander at

Woodburn Stud in Kentucky, Preakness was purchased as a yearling by Milton H. Sanford for \$4,100 and made his debut as a 3-year-old on Oct. 25, 1870, winning the Dinner Party Stakes at the inaugural Pimlico Race Course meeting. Other wins included the Long Branch Stakes, Baltimore Cup, Pimlico Stakes and Saratoga Cup. The Baltimore classic was named in his honor. Also to be inducted at the ceremony Friday, Aug. 3, at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion are champion filly Heavenly Prize, historical committee trainer selection William Lakeland, as well as 12 Pillars of the Turf: Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin, August Belmont I, Cot Campbell, Penny Chenery, John W. Galbreath, Arthur B. Hancock Sr., Hal Price Headley, John Morrissey, Dr. Charles H. Strub, William Collins Whitney, Harry Payne Whitney and Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

**Honored:** The late Tim Capps, with the American Horse Council's Van Ness Award, presented to an individual who best emulates the dedication and commitment of the late Marjorie Van Ness of New Jersey to the improvement of the horse industry at the state level. Among Capps' many industry roles was executive vice president of the Maryland Jockey Club, executive vice president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and editor of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazine. Capps died at 71 on April 22, 2017, following a stroke. His daughter Meredith Capps accepted the award at the AHC's Annual Meeting June 10 in Washington, D.C.

**Reached:** Millionaire status, New Jersey-bred Sunny Ridge, Pennsylvania-bred Unique Bella and Virginia-bred Long On Value in June and early July. Sunny Ridge (bred and owned by Dennis Drazin) reached the milestone in the State Dinner Stakes July 6 at Belmont Park; Unique Bella (bred by Brushwood Stable, owned by Don Alberto Stable) in the Beholder Mile-G1 at Santa Anita June 2; and Long On Value (bred by Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds, owned by Madaket Stables, Ten Strike Racing and Steve Laymon) in the Mighty Beau at Churchill Downs June 2. Long On Value added to his total when winning Woodbine's Grade 1 Highlander June 30.





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# Hirapour



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He made his first American start on the flat at Great Meadow in Virginia Oct. 18, 2003, drawing off to win by 13 lengths. From there, every start was a graded stakes, 10 Grade 1s. Fout had indeed found Luke a horse who could win some big races and over the next three years, Hirapour changed the lives of his connections.

Two weeks after Great Meadow, Hirapour vaulted into the AFLAC U.S. Championship Supreme Hurdle Stakes for novices at the Callaway Gardens meet in Pine Mountain, Ga. He produced another win after a stretch duel with rival Preemptive Strike.

Fout and Luke began the 2004 season daring to believe they had a bona fide star. Hirapour didn't let them down. Preemptive Strike prevailed in the opener, scoring by three-quarters of a length in the Carolina Cup. Hirapour lobbed it back over the net next out, finishing  $1\frac{3}{4}$  lengths in front of Preemptive Strike at Keeneland in the Royal Chase.

At Far Hills that October for the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, Fout gave jockey Matt McCarron the call. They finished second that day, beaten by the mighty McDynamo, with Sur La Tete third. To this day, McCarron beats himself up for the loss, realizing he waited too long and left Hirapour too much to overcome in the stretch.

Hard lesson learned, he made up for it a month later in the Colonial Cup. The order of finish that day was Hirapour, Preemptive Strike, Sur La Tete, McDynamo. American steeplechasing fans had a squadron of gladiators to follow. From four starts that season, Hirapour won two—both Grade 1 stakes—and two seconds. And two months later, Ken Luke and Doug Fout had Eclipse trophies for the champion steeplechase horse of 2004.

"Hirapour was a character not only for the fact that he was one of the most talented horses I ever sat on, but he had more personality than most horses could ever imagine," McCarron said. "He's so intelligent, and when it came to race day he was all business. He was the most competitive horse I've ever met. I got him beat in the 2004 Breeders' Cup; it was 1,000 percent my fault. So afterward I went back to the barn, and he was standing in the back of the stall with his ears pinned flat to his head. He did not want to see me, talk to me or anything. Then a few weeks later when he won the

**D**oug Fout was playing beat the clock. The Middleburg, Va.-based trainer was in England on a shopping trip for an owner—nothing unusual for Fout, who has ventured to Europe, South America and New Zealand to procure steeplechase horses. But in this case, the deadline allowed him just 24 hours to jump on a plane and decide on a horse he couldn't see or sit on ahead of time. That, for Fout, was beyond his normal method of operation.

It was the spring of 2003 and owner Ken Luke of Eldon Farm was in the market for "a nice stakes horse that could win some big races." Fout called his buddy Aidan Murphy, who relayed that he knew of a prospect in trainer Ian Williams' stable. But the horse was headed to the Doncaster sale, so time was of the essence.

Fout made the trip and arrived at the yard in a downpour to find a mud-covered bay turned out in a paddock.

"Normally I like to get on a horse and get to work or school them, and they wouldn't let me do that," Fout said. "But as soon as I stepped in the paddock, he came running up to me. He has a beautiful eye and you could tell how intelligent he was. He ran up and stayed there while I messed around with him. I called Ken and said we had four hours to decide whether we wanted him or not; he was going to the sale that afternoon. So, we pulled the trigger and had him vetted, bought him and brought him here."

Named Hirapour (and to settle any disputes, that's pronounced HEAR-a-pour), the bay gelding was foaled in Ireland on April 28, 1996, a homebred for His Highness the Aga Khan's Stud. By Group 1 winner Kahyasi from the Mouktar mare Himaya, Hirapour was sitting on a five-race win streak—achieved over just seven weeks—when Luke and Fout wrote the check.



Colonial Cup, he was at the front of the stall, ears pricked, and he wanted all the attention in the world.”

As gifted and professional as he was, Hirapour could lead the team on a merry chase if the mood struck while training.

“I did all the works and all the schooling on him,” Fout said. “And he’s a spook; he would stop in the blink of an eye. He’d drag you down to a hurdle like you were about to do Mach 1, and in half a stride he’d throw the brakes on. The first time we were gonna run him over the Carolina Cup fences (then made of natural pine brush), we couldn’t get him within 100 yards of schooling those things. He wouldn’t get near them. I said to Matt, ‘Don’t worry about it. He’s been around the world, so he’ll jump those damn things.’ And he never put a foot wrong; he jumped every fence perfect.”

The champion made six starts in 2005, adding two more Grade 1 wins to his resume. He returned to Keeneland and defended his score in the Royal Chase, with Sur La Tete and McDynamo behind him. At Saratoga that summer, Hirapour was third in the A.P. Smithwick, but returned to win the meet’s marquee jump race, the New York Turf Writers Cup. Defeats to McDynamo in the Breeders’ Cup and Colonial Cup cost Hirapour a second Eclipse Award, but did little to diminish his reputation.

Hirapour ran three times in 2006, twice at Saratoga and once at Camden. He won the Smithwick, giving eight pounds to budding star Good Night Shirt. Back for the Turf Writers, Hirapour finished fifth while toting 164 pounds (at least 10 more than six rivals). One more go at the Colonial Cup in November was the swan song. Hirapour finished third, and Fout closed the book with a lifetime record of 41-16-7-5 and \$697,486 earned. In 14 U.S. hurdle starts, he finished worse than third just once and was first or second in his first seven jump starts for Fout.

“We’d just had such trouble with that ankle. And then when he finished third in the Colonial Cup that last time and pulled up lame, I said we couldn’t patch him up again. I’d die if anything happens to this horse.”

Now 22, Hirapour has spent every day since at Fout’s farm in The Plains, Va. He’s head honcho in a field that includes Grade 1 winner Dark Equation, who won the New York Turf Writers in 2008, and High Action, who took that year’s A. P. Smithwick.

“My wife, Beth, foxhunts Dark Equation and she show-jumps High Action. She just won a class at Upperville. She’s been doing that for the past few years. But Hirapour runs the field, and he can still outrun everybody. I goose hunt and dove hunt here on my property, and he gets all stirred up when we hunt. He gets to snorting and blowing. It gives him something to think about for a bit and then he’s good to go. It just keeps him on his toes.”

McCarron, now Fout’s assistant, lives less than a mile away and sees Hirapour every day.

“You cannot actually make Hirapour do anything that he doesn’t want to do,” he said. “Basically, you live by his rules and if you can abide by and use them to your advantage, then everything works well. Talk about a machine—this horse impressed me from the get-go. I just thank Doug for sticking with me and being so loyal. I’ve ridden a lot of really, really nice horses, and Hirapour was one of a kind.”

“This horse made it so much fun because he was exciting to watch,” Fout said. “You knew that, unless something extraordinary happened in the race, he always tried 110 percent and put on a show. And he was as honest as the day is long.” ❀



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## Big scores boost region

I guess it's the improbability of it all. Or something like that anyway. People ask me, and I'm sure you too, all the time: "Why horse racing?" Sometimes I struggle for an answer. Other times, I come up with things like Belmont Stakes Weekend turned in by Mid-Atlantic-bred horses.

The region was represented with a Grade 1 win by Pennsylvania-bred cover boy Spring Quality, a Grade 2 win by Maryland-bred Still Having Fun, a 2-year-old stakes win by Maryland-bred Our Braintrust and a classy 3-year-old stakes win by Pennsylvania-bred Prince Lucky. The quartet upset bigger names, made people check their programs and otherwise turned at least some logic on its head for two of the biggest days in racing.

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The wins prove that you can do all the research, spend all the money and make all the plans you want, but—when it really matters—the animals make the decisions.

Spring Quality won his debut as a 2-year-old in 2014, and didn't race again for more than 16 months. He won that 4-year-old comeback, and left for another 11 months. Away from the track, he spent the winter turned out with equine senior citizens Rochester (a foal of 1996), With Anticipation (1995) and Lord Zada (1993) among others on owner/breeder George Strawbridge's Chester County farm. The pasture used to raise King Ranch's Santa Gertrudis cattle. Now it develops beefy Thoroughbreds. Spring Quality obviously thrived out there in the weather. He hails from Strawbridge's rich breeding program, but he overcame plenty. He raced just once in 2014 and 2016, didn't start at all in 2015 and is one of the country's top turf horses after winning the Manhattan (over the Virginia-raised Sadler's Joy) one race before the Belmont Stakes. Since returning to the races at Laurel Park in February 2017, he has won four of nine (with three seconds) while pushing his career bankroll to \$860,797.

Still Having Fun cost \$12,000 as a yearling. Trainer Tim Keefe, the horse's co-breeder with Charlie and Cynthia McGinnes, made the final bid on behalf of client Terp Racing. The son of Old Fashioned and an unraced Dehere mare

won his debut, lit up the speed-figure sheets and wound up being purchased by the powerful duo of Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber. Terp stayed in for a piece, and the horse stayed with Keefe at Laurel despite Wachtel and Barber employing some of the biggest names in the game. In the Woody Stephens-G2 at Belmont, Still Having Fun mowed down horses trained by Chad Brown, Dale Romans, Jason Servis, Steve Asmussen and so on to win going away. Next up could be Saratoga's Allen Jerkens-G1 in late August.

A homebred for Dan McConnell, Prince Lucky is a son of Corinthian (who stood at Pin Oak Lane Farm in Pennsylvania before being sent to Turkey) and the Great Notion mare Lucky Notion—meaning the Easy Goer Stakes winner is as Mid-Atlantic as saltwater taffy, humidity and beltway traffic. The bay colt won three of four starts as a 2-year-old with trainer Larry Jones last year, but proved quirky enough that his jockeys were instructed not to carry a whip. Seventh in his 3-year-old debut for Jones in January, Prince Lucky moved over to Todd Pletcher and promptly finished ninth after acting up in the gate in the Sunland Derby-G3 in March. Gelded after that race, Prince Lucky finished third at Pimlico, then won a stretch slugfest with Rugbyman and Dark Vader in Belmont's Easy Goer. Next stop Saratoga.

And then there's Our Braintrust, who started the regional quadruple with a win in Belmont's Tremont Stakes Friday. The Maryland-bred by a New York sire (Freud) twice failed to meet his reserve as a yearling and joined the barn of owner Bo Smith and trainer Cal Lynch at least somewhat by accident. Smith got stuck in traffic en route to Timonium's yearling sale, bumped into Lynch by the back ring and made a shrewd buy on the advice of an old-school horseman. Our Braintrust won his debut at Laurel in May, then added the Tremont at nearly 11-1.

You can read about all of them deeper in the magazine, but the point to take is that good horses can come from this region—anywhere really—and can make an impact on the biggest races in the country.

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*By Joe Clancy*





**S**tand by a horsepath on any morning at Fair Hill Training Center and you will see all sorts of Thoroughbreds. Here comes a high-dollar prospect. There goes a graded stakes winner. This is a Maryland-bred champion. Isn't that filly running at Arlington this weekend? That's that horse who won over hurdles this spring. This set includes four 2-year-olds—a Tapit, a Giant's Causeway, a Kitten's Joy and an Into Mischief. Those three over there are homebreds, all out of stakes-winning mares.

And then there's the bay gelding with his head down, jiggling along while exercise rider Anne Sinchak smiles and pats him on the neck. He just galloped a "proper" mile-and-a-quarter on the dirt, or maybe he worked a lap of the Tapeta, each furlong faster than the previous one. He's a Pennsylvania-bred. He's 6 years old. His pedigree includes graded stakes winners, a top-class steeplechaser and one of his owner's foundation mares.

Spring Quality might be better than all of them. The son of Quality Road and the Deputy Minister mare Spring Star became a Grade 1 winner in the \$1 million Woodford Reserve Manhattan Stakes at Belmont Park June 9. The feat capped a banner day for regional horses as Maryland-bred Still Having Fun won the Woody Stephens Stakes-G2 and Pennsylvania-bred Prince

Lucky took the listed Easy Goer Stakes on the same card. A day earlier, Maryland-bred Our Braintrust upset the Tremont Stakes for 2-year-olds. The four left all sorts of star power behind them—prompting one handicapper to joke, "It's Mid-Atlantic Day. Anybody from there running in the Belmont?" The region left the Belmont Stakes-G1 and the Triple Crown to Justify, but had plenty to crow about thanks to the quality performances.

None were as monumental as Spring Quality's effort in the Manhattan.

Sent off at 18-1, the Augustin Stable colorbearer broke from the outside in a field of 13, dropped back to 11th while jockey Edgar Prado tried to save some ground, was still 10th (6 lengths behind) with a quarter-mile to go, came off the rail eight wide at the top of the stretch and



*Pennsylvania-bred Spring Quality sweeps to victory in the Grade 1 Manhattan for owner/breeder George Strawbridge's Augustin Stable and trainer Graham Motion (above).*

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caught Grade 1 winner Sadler's Joy in the final yards to win by a neck, with Hi Happy (Arg) third. No individual margin in the crowded field was more than a length, and the first eight were neck, neck, neck, neck, head, neck, neck, neck.

Upstairs in the boxes, trainer Graham Motion saw the race unfold and rooted hard in the lane.

"I just love this horse," he said after putting down the binoculars. "He tries so hard. I hated the post, but he and Edgar made it work."

There's a lot to love about Spring Quality. He's big, tall, long. Old-school horsemen say he's got a "classic" look. In body type and attitude, he'd make someone a great steeplechaser if he weren't so fast in races without jumps. He loves to train, can work with any horse in the barn on dirt, turf or Tapeta and has somehow meandered his way through a career of just 11 starts.

Spring Quality won his debut as a 2-year-old at Keeneland in 2014, then spent 16 months away from the races. He won his second start, as a 4-year-old, at Tampa Bay Downs in 2016. And missed another 11 months. His first seven starts came on the dirt, and included a Pennsylvania-bred stakes triumph in the off-the-turf Robellino at Penn National last summer.

Owner/breeder George Strawbridge remembers being happy about the stakes win, but not thinking much beyond that and some others in the Keystone State.

"It feels like you have to cross three oceans to get from Penn National to a Grade 1 at Belmont Park on Belmont Stakes Day," said Strawbridge. "But he was running at Penn National, and we were thrilled when he won a little Pennsylvania-bred stakes. That seems like a long time ago now, but it really wasn't."

One start after the Robellino, Spring Quality settled for second behind anvil-strong state-bred Page McKenney in the Roanoke at Parx. Motion figured he'd meet that rival again, and started looking for turf races. From a family of grass lovers, Spring Quality responded with a fourth in the Knickerbocker-G2 and a win in the Red Smith-G3 in New York to close 2017.

"We always thought he was good," said Motion. "He's always done everything very easily in the morning, we just had soundness issues with him. We were really patient, and every time he had an issue he got time off. He was always a fast horse. I had it in my mind that he probably needed to get to the grass, but when he was running so well on the dirt it was a little bit hard to do.



*Owners Adam Wachtel (left) and Gary Barber greet Joel Rosario and Maryland-bred Still Having Fun after the Woody Stephens-G2.*

"It wouldn't take a rocket scientist to see that he was probably going to be good on the grass, with his pedigree. It's just hard when a horse runs that well on the dirt."

A turf horse now, Spring Quality went to Strawbridge's farm in Chester County, Pa., for the winter. The place used to be the training base of Morris "Pop" Dixon, who won a Preakness with Polynesian in 1945, trained 1952 steeplechase champion Jam and unleashed a parade of classy regional runners including 22-time winner Grey Beret. Decades later, Hall of Fame steeplechaser McDynamo and other jump stars trained there for Sanna Neilson. Now, it's principally the home of Augustin retirees, layups and young horses taking breaks from the track. There's a 200-acre field with a mixed herd of geldings including With Anticipation, Rochester, Holiday Star, Praise The Prince (NZ), Lord Zada and others. Racehorses on extended rest spend time out there, where a shed with a big fan, a covered hay feeder and a spring-fed water trough that never freezes are the only real amenities in what used to be grazing land for the King Ranch cattle. There's a smaller pasture for pensioned mares, a big barn, loads of paddocks, round pens, sheds, woods, hills, hills and more hills.

Spring Quality knows the place well. He spent much of 2015 and a good chunk of 2016 there. Each time he fell into a rhythm encouraged by Strawbridge and his wife Julia and managed by retired steeplechase jockey Gus Brown.

"A week after he got there, he was living out there 24-7," said Brown of the most

recent farm stint. "George and Julia are good enough to give them time, and they're real adamant about letting the horses be horses. We're lucky we have the facility to do that. I would say it's worked well, in his case really well."

Since he was headed back to Motion to start a spring campaign, Spring Quality skipped the big field this past winter but shared a four-acre pasture with 25-year-old retiree Lord Zada (a stakes winner over jumps and on the flat) for two months or so.

"It's very rewarding to see all that patience pay off," said Strawbridge. "It really does take time. A 6-year-old isn't old, really. Having horses is so expensive nowadays everybody is very anxious for a return, but luckily I have the farm I can send them to. That land is terrific for horses. They just thrive in that field."

Brown, who used to gallop horses on the farm when he worked for Neilson, pays credit to the horses, the land, the atmosphere. But when he really thinks about it, there's more to it. Sometimes, he can feel it.

"There's something about that place, from my time riding there and being there now," he said. "There's good energy or juju or whatever you want to call it there. It's a good place for horses."

Spring Quality is one of Strawbridge's last Pennsylvania-breds, as the mares now foal at Kentucky's Stone Farm. The move ended an era of sorts, necessitated by the closing of nearby Derry Meeting Farm, where the Strawbridge mares foaled for years. Farm founder Marshall Jenney died in 2000, and his wife Bettina carried on





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*Still Having Fun (left) takes control in the stretch of the Woody Stephens, delivering Maryland-based trainer Tim Keefe his first graded stakes win.*

until closing the farm in 2014. For all its plusses, Strawbridge's farm isn't set up for mares and foals, and the mares mainly visit Kentucky stallions, making Arthur and Staci Hancock's Stone Farm an obvious choice.

"Derry Meeting Farm does not exist anymore," said Strawbridge. "That's the entire answer. That land was dynamite land and produced lots of Grade 1 winners that would outrun their pedigrees. They did a great job. They moved horses up. I think Stone Farm does the same. They do a great job, they're very professional."

Spring Quality's female family goes back four generations for Strawbridge—from early purchase Fast Approach (a 1970 foal by First Landing bred in Virginia by Cornelius Florman) to First Approach, Alice Springs and Spring Quality's dam Spring Star.

Fast Approach's daughter First Approach won 14 races, including a Grade 1, for Augustin and trainer Jonathan Sheppard. Another daughter, Summer Fling, won a Grade 3 and placed in a Grade 1. First Approach produced Alice Springs,

who won in France for Strawbridge and later won three Grade 2 stakes and finished with \$768,889 in earnings, plus six-time hurdle winner Irish Approach (who also placed in a Grade 3 on the turf).

Buoyed by the Manhattan win, and all that pedigree, Motion and Strawbridge permit themselves to think big. The Arlington Million-G1, Aug. 11, was the next target, with the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 and perhaps some international races in the more distant future.

"I would love to think as lightly raced as he is I could keep him going a little bit and maybe travel with him," said Motion. "He's gotten better with racing. To compete at that level you have to. He's got the right disposition. I think he used to be a bit more nervous, and the fact that he's more relaxed now is helpful and part of it too. The idea is to space out his races and hopefully have a long season with him."

## Fun day in New York

Three races before Spring Quality's heroics, Maryland-bred Still Having Fun



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did his part—ripping apart the \$400,000 Woody Stephens with a stretch rally that took him from 10th to first and into the upper reaches of the 3-year-old sprint division.

His trainer, the Laurel Park-based Tim Keefe, went along for the ride.

"Oh, man, I don't believe it," he said in the box area a few minutes after the race ended. Keefe looked shaky, like he'd just run a marathon in a coat and tie. Scratch that, he'd have looked better after the



marathon. He's run plenty of those, but this was his first graded stakes win since he started training in 1992.

Keefe watched while standing between owners Gary Barber and Adam Wachtel, and sweated every step.

"The last eighth of a mile was in such slow motion," Keefe said. "I just didn't know. I said, 'Come on, you can get there.' I hope there wasn't a camera on me there at the end, but Adam and Gary were doing the same thing, they were both going crazy. We were all hugging and high-fiving each other and then just bolted down to the winner's circle."

Wachtel had as much fun watching the trainer as he did watching the horse.

"I'm so happy for him," he said of Keefe. "He's in a daze. You can tell it means a lot to him."

Second going 6 furlongs in the Chick Lang Stakes on Preakness Day, Still Having Fun went to Belmont three weeks later to face 10 rivals at 7 furlongs. Lang winner Mitole stayed away and speedy Californian Kanthaka scratched, but the field included stakes winners Strike Power, Engage, World of Trouble and Promises Fulfilled. The latter two set fractions of :21.46 and :43.68 as Joel Rosario let the 13-1 Still Having Fun find his stride. The winner stayed covered up around the turn, but angled to the outside and rolled past the tiring pacesetters and Engage in the final yards to win by 1¼ lengths in 1:21.45. Engage held second with Promises Fulfilled third.

The victory rewarded Wachtel, who spotted Still Having Fun's name on the Ragozin Sheets speed-figure service after a debut win in November. The 3½-length score looked good on paper, on video, everywhere and long story short Wachtel and Gary Barber became partners with Keefe's client Terp Racing. Still Having Fun won two stakes at Laurel this winter, then ran middling races going two turns in March and April. Shortened up for the Lang, the Maryland-bred returned to form—even if he was no match for Mitole—and the team aimed for Belmont.

"He ran a monster Ragozin number, like graded-stakes quality," Wachtel said of the debut. "I knew he had the talent. Another important thing for me was who the trainer was. Looking at his record, I knew that he wasn't one of those guys who gets them ready first time out. That's not his thing. It made me feel comfortable that that wasn't the best the horse might do."

Bidding for Jim Scott of Terp Racing, Keefe spent \$12,000 to buy Still Having Fun at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale in 2016 and then realized he and the

bay colt were connected. Keefe bought the colt's dam from breeders Charles and Cynthia McGinnes in 2009 and trained her for Arnold Heft. The daughter of Dehere never made it to the races, and returned to the McGinneses as a broodmare. As a thank you, Keefe gets listed as the co-breeder of foals from Casual Kiss. The first, a Scipion filly named Honey Bun, won once in 10 starts. The second is Still Having Fun, whose career earnings swelled to \$431,703 with the Stephens win. A Buffum colt named Stranger Danger brought \$7,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale. Casual Kiss has a Jump Start yearling colt and delivered a filly by Golden Lad this year.

Like Spring Quality, the big-stage success affected Still Having Fun's future as Keefe mulled summer targets such as the 7-furlong Allen Jerkens-G1 at Saratoga. Wachtel won't say he knew it all along, but is thrilled to see the plan come together—and even happier to pull Keefe into the fold.

"He seemed like a good person, a good guy, and I've had conversations with him along the way so we've gotten to know each other," said the owner, who met Keefe for the first time at Belmont. "I knew he was a good horseman, just from the homework that I did. This guy's a good trainer."

## Saturday's Coming

Owner Bo Smith and breeder Charlie Parker both credit one person for predicting the potential of budding 2-year-old phenom Our Braintrust.

Joe Dodgen. He preps young horses, foals mares, offers sales help and adds sage advice when it comes to buying, selling, breeding and raising Thoroughbreds. His clients include Kentuckian Parker and New Jersey resident Smith.

While working with Our Braintrust at Parker's Barak Farm, Dodgen kept coming back to the dark bay son of Freud.

"This is a Saturday afternoon horse," Dodgen told Parker. Nobody at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's July sale agreed, as the yearling didn't meet his reserve when the bidding stopped at \$27,000. Not that Dodgen didn't try. There to sell a yearling, Smith heard the sales pitch as well.

"Bo Smith . . .," Dodgen said, "this is a Saturday afternoon horse."

Smith's yearling didn't sell, and the budget didn't call for adding another to the fold. Three months later, Our Braintrust was back in a sale (Fasig-Tipton Midlantic), and Smith figured he'd at least have a look. Delaware traffic got in the way, and Smith

arrived late. In a rush near the back ring, he bumped into his trainer Cal Lynch.

"What are you doing here?" asked Lynch, who won the 2013 General George-G3 with Smith's homebred Javerre.

"I came to see Number 266, and I missed him," Smith replied.

"You're kidding," Lynch said. "I almost bid on that horse. I liked everything about him, but I don't know, I didn't pull the trigger."

Then Smith told Lynch what Dodgen said.

Our Braintrust had failed to meet his reserve of \$30,000 and Lynch turned to Smith and said, "Do you want to be partners?" On the way to the barn of consignor Stuart Morris, Smith called Dodgen, who called Parker about a private sale. Because of Dodgen's connection, and the chance to win breeders' awards with a Maryland-based Maryland-bred, Parker agreed to a \$25,000 price.

"We used to do West Virginia, but now all I breed are Maryland-breds," said Parker, who partners with Claiborne Farm manager Bradley Purcell in Barak. "We breed 10 or 12 a year and have been blessed. We try to sell what we can to keep everything going. He's turning out to be a nice horse."

From the Trust N Luck mare Caller Trust, Our Braintrust prepped at Webb Carroll's farm in South Carolina and won his debut going 4½ furlongs at Laurel Park in May and then aimed for the Tremont, where the usual big names awaited. The field of seven included three horses trained by Todd Pletcher (including a \$625,000 purchase), one from Steve Asmussen and another from Wesley Ward. Our Braintrust and Javier Castellano broke from the rail at almost 11-1, stayed slightly off early leaders Social Fan and Mae Never No (Ire) through fractions of :22.38 and :45.73 and rallied inside horses to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:04.41 for 5½ furlongs.

Smith and Lynch's son and assistant Charlie, who drove the horse to New York, celebrated in the winner's circle.

"We were pretty excited," Smith said. "It doesn't get much better than that."

Our Braintrust broke his maiden on a Thursday, won the Tremont on a Friday. He'll get that Saturday start soon enough, though Smith is just thankful for the opportunity—especially when he considers all the reasons (two sales, traffic, bumping into Lynch) he might not own Our Braintrust.

"If . . . there are a lot of ifs in this horse," he said. "I'd rather be lucky than





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*Maryland-bred Our Braintrust digs in along the rail to capture the Tremont Stakes for 2-year-olds the day before the Belmont Stakes.*

good, and this is absolute luck. I listened to Joe about the horse, and here we are.”

## Crowning Achievement

A day after being named champion Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old of 2017, Prince Lucky tossed his horseshoe into the race for this year’s 3-year-old crown by winning the \$150,000 Easy Goer Stakes early on the Belmont Stakes card June 9. Owned and bred by Dan McConnell, the son of Corinthian pulled a 14-1 upset by outfinishing Rugbyman and Dark Vader in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile stakes. Ridden by John Velazquez, the winner scored by a neck over Rugbyman, who had a nose on Dark Vader with favorite Mask 3 lengths back in third.

The winner, from McConnell’s Great Notion mare Lucky Notion, began his career with trainer Larry Jones and won three of four, including the Pennsylvania Nursery at Parx Racing in December, while making his connections work. The bay colt was a handful early on, and raced without a whip in several starts. Seventh in his 3-year-old debut for Jones at Fair Grounds in January, Prince Lucky moved to Todd Pletcher’s barn and has steadily improved since an ugly loss in the Sunland Derby-G3 in March. Gelded shortly after that race, he finished third in the Sir Barton



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*Pennsylvania-bred Prince Lucky (#5) turns back all challengers near the finish of the Easy Goer.*

on Preakness Day at Pimlico and came through in the Easy Goer.

“We castrated him after his first start for us, and I think that started to turn around his behavior,” said Pletcher. “He was exemplary in the paddock and post parade, and I think it has allowed him to get his mind completely on business.”

Prince Lucky battled between horses late and earned \$87,000 to push his career earnings to \$231,690.

“I thought it was a gutsy effort,” Pletcher said. “He was in between horses and kept fighting back, and I was proud of him.”





# Big Job

## Lillis steps in, stands up for backstretch community

By Sandra McKee. Photographs by Jim McCue

**B**obby Lillis may be physically small, as he measures just 60 inches. But he stands tall and, like Secretariat, he has an outsized heart.

Most days, he sits at his aging desk in a cramped office inside the building that houses the backstretch cafeteria at Laurel Park. He has two titles—executive director of the Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Foundation (MHAF) and director of benefits for the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA)—and his door is always open.

Ask him, "What do you do here?" and you expect a long answer. But Lillis, known for his letters to the editors of *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Washington Post* and to Maryland's sitting governors in support of horse racing long before he was recognized for his work with the MHAF or MTHA, keeps it short.

"I help people," he says. "I'm a problem solver."

He makes it sound so simple. And people who see him in his office or walking around the track probably think what Lillis does is simple. But the problems he solves are life's problems. Such as helping backstretch workers with their needs.

He handles what he calls living essentials for the MHAF; with the MTHA, he handles health issues.

Through those organizations he helps backstretch workers pay their rent or electric bills. When they are ill or between jobs, he sets up tabs for them in the kitchen so they can get something to eat for a week or two, until they're back on their feet.

He helps them with medical bills they can't afford, letting the paperwork sit on his desk for a month, six months or a year. Then he negotiates with doctors

and hospitals, wheedling those bills down by as much as 50 percent, to a figure his umbrella organizations can handle.

"I'd say my best day on the job was when I negotiated a \$15,000 bill for Randy Bright, who had a cancerous tumor removed from the back of his ear, down to \$6,000," Lillis says. "He died a couple years ago, but at the time he was an assistant trainer. When I got it down to \$6,000, the [MHAF] board allowed me to pay it.

"I love helping people," Lillis says.

It isn't always easy and it isn't always comfortable. When a man or woman walks through his door, Lillis is sensitive to the uneasiness.

"When a person has been hurt or sick and they have a hard time making ends meet, it's embarrassing for them to walk through the door and tell me they need help," Lillis says. "It's equally as awkward for me to ask them, 'Are you broke?' Not everybody understands that, but we get through it."

His visitors may not initially know it, but Lillis is one of those rare individuals in a job who can say to the people he helps, "I understand," and really mean it.

"I am actually who I serve and who I help," he says. "I'm actually one of them, OK? So I know firsthand what they're going through. . . And I tell them, when they come in here and they're kind of shy, and I stop them. I tell them who I am. That I've been through it, and I am one of them. And then I say, 'Sit down. Let's talk.'"

"There is nothing better than watching a person walk out of my office with a smile on his or her face."

Lillis, 64, never saw a racetrack until he was 15 years old and a sophomore at Madison High in Madison Heights, Mich.

That's when his mother and stepfather came home from Detroit Race Course one afternoon and his stepfather said, "You know, you could be a jockey."

The 4-foot-11 Lillis asked, "What's a jockey?"

The next weekend, they took him to the track. He was mesmerized.

In awe of the horses, the colors, all of it, Lillis declared, "Yeah, I wouldn't mind doing that."

Not long after, he was working on the backstretch, walking horses and mucking stalls, living in a tack room and walking the mile to school to continue his education.

He started as a hotwalker in 1969, and advanced to groom, exercise rider, jockey, breeder, owner, parking lot attendant, security guard and maintenance man before he finally arrived in his current position 20 years ago. It was a long, sometimes uneasy road.

Lillis got his chance to ride in 1975, at Michigan's Hazel Park, which recently closed. The next year, he got married and moved to Pimlico Race Course.

"I wasn't really blessed with an outfit to ride for," says Lillis. "That's not a good thing, because I was having to take second and third calls to a lot of different riders. But I was able to carve out a living."

In 1980, Lillis split his time between exercising horses at the track in the morning and working for the Maryland Jockey Club in the track's parking lots during the afternoon.

He and his wife, Ruthanne, eventually settled in Westminster, Md., on a 3.5-acre farm. They raised their children, Ryan and Sean, there and life was good, until one day, in the summer of 1997, while exercising a horse named Talk at Pimlico for trainer





Lou Bernier, Lillis took the worst spill of his life. Talk tripped on a bandage that had unraveled from his front leg and landed on top of Lillis, who suffered a severe concussion and had bone fragments in his wrist that cut into his ligaments.

"The ligaments were shot," Lillis recalls now. "The doc said I wouldn't have the strength in my right hand or wrist to control a thousand-pound animal going 35 miles an hour. So, with that concern for the safety of others, I chose not to ride anymore."

It was a difficult time. Lillis needed rehab and time to recover from his injuries, and, suddenly, he was down to one job, parking cars.

"It was an absolute nightmare," he remembers. "I had to refinance the house because money was really getting tight with only one income."

While he was in rehab, he read that John Paterakis sought to put a slots parlor 10 minutes from Pimlico in Fells Point. That's when Lillis started writing letters.

"I just thought a slots parlor 10 minutes from Pimlico would be the end of horse racing," he says. "I wasn't the only one who felt that way."

At the time, racing columnist Jack Mann wrote in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* in 1998, that Lillis was "on a mission" to be racing's Thomas Paine (political activist), Johnny Appleseed (publicist), Henny Penny (worrier; "The sky is falling") and trying to be "the ghost of things to come" (Jacob Marley) for the racing industry.

Later, when he had concerns about "lifestyle issues" on the backstretch, Lillis started going to MTHA board meetings in hopes the organization could address his concerns.

"But I realized quickly that there were a lot more crises and a lot more problems that the MTHA is dealing with than, you know, Bobby Lillis having a problem with [living conditions] on the backstretch."

Lillis kept going to the meetings though, and also tried to organize the backstretch workers into a group called BEST, Backstretch Employees Speak Too. "But I could never get it off the ground," he says. "I wanted us to have monthly meetings to address problems."

Twenty years later, the MTHA, under Executive Director David Richardson, is working hard with Lillis and his coworkers to improve the living conditions Lillis has cared about for so long. But back then, his voice stood out.

MTHA board member Richard Meyer, who also was involved with the MHAF, noticed Lillis' interest and ambition and stopped to talk to him in the parking lot





*"I love my job because I'm helping people," says Bobby Lillis (left), with hotwalker Fernando Avina.*

one day. He asked if Lillis would be interested in a job with the foundation.

"It was this job," Lillis says, smiling. "It was exactly what my goal and mission was and is, to help take care of the less fortunate on the backstretch."

It has been the best fit Lillis or the organizations he works for could have imagined. It's been good for him and for the people he serves. He operates the Maryland Horse Racing Industry page on Facebook, promoting the sport, with daily updates on racing news within the state. And even before the MTHA and the MJC worked to create a health program for backstretch workers second to none in the country, Lillis had established Walmart and Sam's Club prescription plans for those workers.

"Bobby is a shining example of what is right with this industry," Richardson says. "He's a tireless advocate for the welfare of all horsemen, but especially the little guy. We are proud to have him on our team."

Lillis is humbled just to be there.

"I love my job because I'm helping people," he says. "I'm helping people who would otherwise have nowhere to go to get that kind of help, and we're here for them. We are the safety net." 

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# The bottom line



## Options abound for region as sports wagering gets approval

By Joe Nevills

**T**he narrative of legalized sports wagering's effect on the various facets of the horse racing industry is being written in real time, and it can depend on whom you ask and where they live.

When the United States Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act in May, which restricted sports betting to all but a handful of locations, states on the East Coast found themselves in varied stages of preparedness to capitalize on the decision. Some legislatures had bills in place, anticipating the Supreme Court's decision, while others must play catch-up at different speeds.

Predicting how the newest item on the wagering menu will impact racing comes without the benefit of past performance. When casino gaming first came to racetracks, prognosticators had tribal and riverboat casinos to gauge the public reception outside of Las Vegas, and each state that eventually converted its tracks to racinos did so at differing times. Each track to make the transition provided a study for other venues looking to do the same.

In contrast, each state and each track began at the same starting point with sports wagering. This also includes Delaware Park, which previously allowed only parlay betting—the equivalent of a multi-race wager—on National Football League games, and expanded into single-game betting for the first time.

Groups from racetracks to horsemen to legislators will have to chart paths from that same starting point, and the only thing the past can guarantee is that each jurisdiction will find a different route.

### New Jersey

The state that spearheaded the movement to overturn the sports gambling ban was also among the first to open its

sportsbooks for business after the ruling came down.

Exactly how the new form of wagering will affect horsemen was still to be determined in early July. Michael Campbell, executive director of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey, said the healthy relationship between Monmouth Park's management and the state's horsemen's groups made a positive outcome extremely likely.

"In terms of our association, we're going to sit down with Monmouth Park, and once they have a better idea of what the income on sports betting is going to be, we'll work with them to come up with a plan to revitalize the whole Jersey-bred program, put money into purses, or bring back the open bonus money that was for Jersey-registered," he said. "Hopefully we can put some money toward our incentive program so we can get more mares here."

In the meantime, Campbell said he has seen an influx of breeders contacting his organization and visiting farms to learn more about the potential for growth in New Jersey. He expected the stallion and broodmare populations to rise in 2019.

One interesting wrinkle to New Jersey's sports betting law is it not only allows race-

tracks and casinos to apply for sportsbook licenses, but "former racetracks," where a race meeting has been conducted within the past 15 years—specifically, the land contained within the racecourse oval.

This could put the shuttered Atlantic City Race Course and the Garden State Park property in play as sites for sports betting. A previous version of the state's guidelines would have required former racetracks to reestablish a live meet of 50 days or more to qualify for a license, but that detail was scrapped in later versions of the bill.

Garden State Park, which closed in 2001 (but fits the 15-year requirement since New Jersey's law was passed in 2014), is the most likely candidate to add a sportsbook under the current guidelines, according to a story in Politico. The property is now Towne Place at Garden State Park, a commercial and residential development that could seamlessly add a betting facility to its operations.

Atlantic City, shuttered in 2015, would face longer odds. Fixing up the dilapidated facilities to host an extended live meet would be costly, and the track's infield includes a large pond.

### Delaware

Delaware was the first state off the mark, implementing single-game wagering at Delaware Park and its two harness tracks June 5.

In its first 20 days of operation, Delaware Park took in 50,934 sports wagers, totaling \$5,232,878. The track receives 9.6 percent of net proceeds to put toward purses, which put \$62,715 into the coffers in that short time period.

"Things were a bit rough here at first with long, long lines and some other issues," said Delaware Thoroughbred



Horseman's Association executive director Bessie Gruwell, "but hopefully by the time we get to college and NFL football, they'll have that worked out and we'll have even more revenue coming."

Parlay wagering put the same percentage of revenues into the purse fund, but the early pace of single-game wagering shows promise for the track's fortunes. Purse contributions through parlay wagering totaled \$292,820 through the 2017-2018 fiscal year, meaning the new format contributed 21.4 percent of last year's final figure in under a month.

Gruwell said the new income could lead to promising things for the track, but Delaware Park also benefits greatly from being in one of the only states with open sportsbooks for the moment. If and when surrounding states catch up, it could lower the revenue generated in Delaware.

"Hopefully we can get enough money in our purse account to get back on a 100-day schedule," Gruwell said. "All of this ends up depending on, does Maryland end up passing this? Will Pennsylvania get on board? You've got New Jersey with it. If everybody does, then we're all saturated. It may bring in some revenue, but not a ton. New Jersey and us might be the lone soldiers here if we're lucky. Hopefully we can take advantage of it in that time frame."

## Maryland

State law requires new forms of gaming to be approved by a statewide referendum. A bill to present to voters made it out of the House of Delegates during the 2018 legislative session, but it sputtered in the Senate.

The state's legislature might consider a special session to continue discussion of the bill. If elected officials hasten their approval, it could be placed on the ballot in November. Because Maryland holds elections every two years—one for the governor's race and one for the presidential election—the next opportunity to vote on sports gaming would come in 2020 if it misses the ballot this fall.

The bill, HB 1014, lays the groundwork for voters to approve or deny. Licenses would be authorized to those holding a video lottery operation license or licenses for mile-track Thoroughbred racing or harness racing. How the revenues would be divided, and whether the racing industry would receive a cut, would be determined after the vote.

"I would assume that if they call a special session, and that's still a possibility, it will have reconciled the language

so the session will move fairly quickly," said Alan Foreman, general counsel to the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and chairman of the national Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "Our hope and belief is that any language that goes to the voters will include the race-tracks as something where sports betting would be permitted."

Maryland was late to embrace casino gaming compared to its neighboring states, and Foreman said voters and legislators took notice of the money and opportunities that left in the time it took to catch up. Foreman expected that to be in the minds of both parties as the clock ticks to get sports betting approved.

"I wouldn't call it a mortal lock, but I believe the measure would pass easily," he said. "I think the concerns about gambling have dissipated now that people have seen the benefits that the casinos have brought, not only to the state, but to the local communities."

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania was among the states with legislation in place to implement sports wagering as soon as the Supreme Court ruling came down, but no sportsbooks had set up shop through early July.

The biggest hindrance is the state's prohibitive 36 percent tax on revenue, on top of a \$10 million license fee. Nearby, New Jersey taxes sports betting revenues at a rate of 10 to 13 percent with no initial fee, while West Virginia imposes a 10 percent tax and a \$100,000 fee.

Licenses are available to companies with a "slot machine license," meaning the state's 12 casinos are eligible to open sportsbooks, including Thoroughbred tracks Penn National Race Course, Parx Racing, and Presque Isle Downs.

There are no direct ties to purses or incentives in Pennsylvania's current sports gambling language, unlike the other forms of expanded gaming at racetracks. Without clear residual benefits, Russell Jones Jr. of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission said the new form of wagering only served to further siphon the Thoroughbred betting dollar.

"Every time the state has legislated one of these other forms of gambling, they have basically invited competition for the horse industry," he said. "We were the whole deal, and that got taken away from us by the political forces. It's a cheaper form for the owners of all those gambling venues than putting on a racetrack."

However, Jones noted that sports wagering could be one of the last competitive storms for the state's racing industry to weather on the immediate horizon.

"I think almost every kind of gambling that could be legal is now in one way or another legal," Jones said. "Maybe you look at it positively and say, 'If we've survived all this, holy mackerel. Doesn't that say a lot about our game?'"

## Virginia

Old Dominion is stuck in place until the state's part-time General Assembly resumes its three-month session in January.

Working in Virginia's favor is the positive momentum kick-started by the legalization of betting on historical horse racing in June. When the bill was signed into law by Gov. Ralph Northam, it enacted the roughly \$20 million sale of the dormant Colonial Downs to Chicago-based Revolutionary Racing, which has plans to reopen the track as soon as 2019.

Debbie Easter, executive director of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, said the state has historically been conservative with regards to gambling, but the approval of historical racing opened the philosophical door for sports betting.

"I think it melds well with what's going on with horse racing, and certainly the way the horse industry has allowed OTBs here—which is basically a sports-bar model—hoping that people go in that like to watch sports and can also wager on horses. I just think that enhances what we're already doing," Easter said. "I just hope that if that's going to happen in Virginia, that the legislators realize that if the horse industry is not involved, it could be detrimental to what we're doing and all the positives that's been going on here in the past few months."

## West Virginia

West Virginia was one of the states that set the table before the Supreme Court ruling, passing the West Virginia Sports Lottery Wagering Act in March. Sportsbooks, both physical and online, are expected to be operational before Sept. 1.

The word "horse" appears just once in the act, in the list of sports not covered by the new wagers. Sports betting will be limited to existing racetrack casinos—including Thoroughbred tracks Mountaineer and Charles Town—and The Greenbrier resort, but there are no provisions in the language for the racing product to receive a share. 



# In the Mix

## Hawkish joins crowded group at top of 3-year-old turf division in Penn Mile

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY, PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALLISON JANEZIC

**T**he five previous runnings of the \$500,000 Penn Mile Stakes-G2 at Penn National Race Course helped unveil some of the best 3-year-old turf horses in the country. The sixth renewal June 2 was no exception.

Contested on a hot, humid afternoon in the shadow of the Blue Mountains of Dauphin County, the Penn Mile was the coming-out party for Robert LaPenta, AJ Suited Racing Stable and Madaket Stables' Hawkish, a lightly raced son of Artie Schiller who had been nibbling on the edges of a graded stakes victory, and finally took a bite of his own.

After a weeklong debate, the three ownership interests and trainer Jimmy Toner decided that Hawkish would make the approximately three-hour trip from Belmont Park to Penn National, avoiding a meeting with another horse with some ownership overlap, Catholic Boy, in the Grade 3 Pennine Ridge at 9 furlongs. The Pennine Ridge is a prep for the \$1.2 million Belmont Derby Invitational-G1, a race that both horses would later target.

But first, Hawkish had to show he belonged in the Belmont Derby. And by the time he came across the finish line under Manny Franco 3 lengths in front of

his nearest rival, there was no doubt the lanky bay was ready for added distance and tougher competition.

A winner of two of his first three starts—his defeat coming in the Palm Beach-G3 in March at Gulfstream Park—Hawkish was installed the betting favorite in the Penn Mile over Treadway Racing Stable's Maraud, considered one of the top 3-year-old turf males in training after capturing the Grade 2 American Turf at Churchill Downs in May.

Yet Hawkish dominated the Penn Mile, overcoming a slight blip in the opening furlong after steadying off heels, rating kindly, then accelerating four-wide into the stretch while avoiding further trouble when he lugged in sharply nearing the eighth pole. Franco hand-rode him home to the delight of those who had wagered on him, and one-third of his ownership group.

Gathering in the winner's circle for the photograph was a large crowd representing the AJ Suited Stable, headed by Justin Nicholson and his wife, Kathryn Sharp, and longtime friend Alan Aberg.

"Hawkish may prove to be just a miler, and there's a future for that on the racing calendar," said Nicholson. "He looks like



Hawkish (left) unleashes a big rally off the turn to catch Maraud (center) and Encumbered to win the Grade 2 Penn Mile Stakes.



he can still rate and make that move, so the extra quarter-mile [of the Belmont Derby] may not be a problem. He didn't look over-anxious, he wasn't pulling, so there's every reason to think he'll settle, and if you look at his pedigree it's all classic Darby Dan turf. We know those horses could get the distance."

A month later in the Belmont Derby, Pennine Ridge winner Catholic Boy prevailed to move to the head of the division while Hawkish wound up seventh.

The Nicholson family has had a long relationship with Toner, and Toner has trained many of the top-class turf performers in Hawkish's pedigree, including his second dam, multiple Grade 1 winner Memories of Silver, and her daughter Winter Memories, also a multiple Grade 1 winner. Winter Memories is a half-sister to Bridal Memories, the dam of Hawkish.

For Nicholson's father Ron, who owned horses in the Kimran Stables partnership beginning in the 1980s with Caesar Kimmel, Toner trained graded stakes winners Flying Chevron, Bold Hawk and others. Flying Chevron stood at the Cuprill family's Woodvale Farm in Oxford, Pa., in the latter half of his stud career. Created by the Nicholsons and the Aberg family in 2008, AJ Suited has several horses in training with Toner and with Tres Abbott at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland, where they own a barn.

Justin Nicholson, 32, represents the next generation of owners and has been actively trying to get new people interested and involved in the sport, both in his earlier work with partnership groups and through the co-creation of the industry convention Equestricon. He works as the vice president for his family's real estate business, Bay Management Corporation, which has offices in New York and Massachusetts, and lived in Manhattan before he and his wife moved to Chadds Ford, Pa.

In addition to starting AJ Suited with Aberg and his father, who died in 2013, Justin launched the Ninety North Racing Stable in 2011.

"Ninety North was an outgrowth of AJ Suited," said Nicholson. "It was a good program and the goal was to get younger people involved in racing. It allowed people to come in at low price points so they could learn about racing and maybe become bigger horse owners going forward. At its peak we had about 50 people involved, and we put out a weekly newsletter. But Equestricon began to take a lot of our time, so we decided to end it."



**New Jersey-bred Oak Bluffs takes flight in the stretch of the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup.**

In early 2015, Nicholson got to know Dan Tordjman, an entrepreneur and contributor to major industry publications, including *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, and TV outlets.

"Dan and my wife and I started spending time together and he had a kernel of an idea—to have a horse racing convention, a big event like other sports had," said Nicholson. 'I have this crazy idea,' he said. We didn't think it was crazy at all. So we went forward and the first Equestricon was held last year in Saratoga."

Nicholson said the founding trio brought different strengths to the Equestricon project.

"Kathryn was a marketing and brand-builder, and handled the execution of the event," he said. "Dan had a lot of connections inside and outside horse racing, and I tackled the business end of things, like the legal and accounting work. We just recently added a fourth employee to help us this year.

"The goal of Equestricon is to be self-sustaining," he continued. "We've gotten great support from inside and outside the industry. This year, we're partnering with Breeders' Cup and headlining the Breeders' Cup Festival in Louisville [Oct. 28-31]."

As for Hawkish, Nicholson said, "We're pretty excited about his potential."

## UNDERCARD ACTION

Six added-money events complemented the Penn Mile program, including two Mid-

Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship Series (MATCH) races with the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup and the \$100,000 Penn Ladies Dash.

New Jersey-bred Oak Bluffs, owned and trained by Mary Eppler, won the Governor's Cup by three-quarters of a length over Dubini despite a troubled trip while covering 5 furlongs over the firm going in :56.10.

An 8-year-old son of Defrere, who stood for most of his stud career in the Garden State, Oak Bluffs is out of the Disco Rico mare Disco Shaker. The Governor's Cup was his 16th victory in 42 starts, and improved his earnings to \$546,606 through July 5.

"This was fun," Eppler said. "Was it his best race? Yes."

Eppler claimed Oak Bluffs, bred by Patricia Generazio, for \$5,000 in November 2015 and watched him win six times and earn \$298,850 since.

In the inaugural Penn Ladies Dash, also at 5 furlongs on turf, heavily favored Morticia prevailed by a length in :56.35 for owner G. Watts Humphrey and trainer Rusty Arnold. The 4-year-old daughter of Twirling Candy won for the seventh time on the grass and pushed her earnings to \$462,675.

Gary Barber's Got Stormy earned a victory in the \$200,000 Penn Oaks for 3-year-old fillies going a mile on the grass. The daughter of Get Stormy was able to hold back a surging Thewayiam (Fr) late, flash-





Got Stormy (2) fights her way past Goodthingstaketime (Ire) in the Penn Oaks.



Morticia, the 4-5 favorite, pulls away to win the inaugural Penn Ladies Dash.

ing under the wire in 1:34.76 under Tyler Gaffalione for trainer Mark Casse.

“She just keeps getting better and better,” said Gaffalione. “She’s a really strong miler. In all honesty, I was waiting on [Thewayiam] to come, and I saw her coming late, but the wire was there and we were fortunate enough to get there first.”

LC Racing’s Smooth B survived a bumping incident in the stretch to capture the \$125,000 Danzig Stakes for 3-year-old Pennsylvania-breds early on the card. Running for a purse elevated \$25,000 for being a Pennsylvania sired runner—he is a son of WynOaks Farm’s Weigelia—the Butch Reid trainee defeated nine rivals and

covered 6 furlongs on the main track in 1:11.21.

“I guess the blinkers did the trick,” said Reid, who put them on the bay for his prior start in a Parx Racing allowance win May 15. “I thought he needed to be on the lead, and he got pinched a little on the rail, but he showed gameness and it was good to see him get through. He had a lot more talent than he was letting on, so you have to start trying things. The blinkers were an easy thing to do right away.”

Reid said he’s open to trying Smooth B on the grass again, as he came out of an exceptionally fast race in the Bridgetown Stakes at Aqueduct in early April, with winner Black Stetson setting a course record for 6 furlongs that day. And he also believes that Smooth B could handle longer distances, having won a one-mile allowance at Laurel Park last September.

Barlar LLC’s ImPLY improved on her second a year ago with a win in the \$125,000 Lyphard Stakes for Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles on turf. Trained by Bernie Houghton, the 5-year-old daughter of former Pennsylvania stallion E Dubai looped the field from far back to post a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -length victory over favored Great Soul, with her year-younger half-sister Advert in third.

The \$100,000 New Start Stakes, for Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old fillies, saw the Anthony Margotta-trained Liaison filly Bronx Beauty post a mild upset over Smokinpaddylassie and Dixie Serenade. Owned by 2W Stables and ridden by John Velazquez, Bronx Beauty was making her first start of the year and now has won four of five career starts, three stakes. ★

## June stakes results for Penn National

### 6/2 Penn Mile-G2 (\$500K). 1 mi. Turf. 3YO.

Winner: **HAWKISH** (b.g., Artie Schiller—Bridal Memories, by Unbridled). B-AJ Suited LLC (Ky.). O-Robert V. LaPenta, AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC and Madaket Stables LLC. T-James J. Toner. J-Manuel Franco. Time: 1:35.16. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Way Early**. 3rd: **Coltandmississippi**.

### 6/2 Penn Oaks (\$200K). 1 mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **GOT STORMY** (ch.f., Get Stormy—Super Phoebe, by Malabar Gold). B-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, Marc McLean and Pope McLean Jr. (Ky.). O-Gary Barber. T-Mark E. Casse. J-Tyler Gaffalione. Time: 1:34.76. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Thewayiam (Fr)**. 3rd: **Goodthingstaketime (Ire)**.

### 6/2 Pennsylvania Governor’s Cup (\$200K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **OAK BLUFFS** (b.g., 8, Defrere—Disco Shaker, by Disco Rico). B-Patricia Generazio (N.J.). O-Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc. T-Mary E. Eppler. J-Paco Lopez. Time: :56.10. Margin:  $\frac{3}{4}$ . 2nd: **Dubini**. 3rd: **Pool Winner**.



### 6/2 Danzig (\$125K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3YO.

Winner: **SMOOTH B** (b.c., Weigelia—Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico). B-St. Omer’s Farm and WynOaks Farm LLC (Pa.). O-LC Racing. T-Robert E. Reid Jr. J-Jose Lezcano. Time: 1:11.21. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Midnight Poker**. 3rd: **Tudox Expectations**.

### 6/2 Lyphard (\$125K). 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **IMPLY** (ch.m., 5, E Dubai—Allude, by Orientate). B/O-Barlar LLC (Pa.). T-T. Bernard Houghton. J-Julio A. Hernandez. Time: 1:41.69. Margin: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 2nd: **Great Soul**. 3rd: **Advert**.

### 6/2 New Start (\$100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3YO F.

Winner: **BRONX BEAUTY** (gr./ro.f., Liaison—Forever Sunshine, by Rockport Harbor). B-Blackstone Farm LLC (Pa.). O-2W Stables LLC. T-Anthony R. Margotta Jr. J-John R. Velazquez. Time: 1:10.35. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Smokinpaddylassie**. 3rd: **Dixie Serenade**.

### 6/2 Penn Ladies Dash (\$100K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **MORTICIA** (b.f., 4, Twirling Candy—Halloween Party, by Mr. Greeley). B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. and George R. Arnold II (Ky.). O-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. T-George R. Arnold II. J-Jose Lezcano. Time: :56.35. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Rocky Policy**. 3rd: **Just Talkin**.





# Tight Race

## Battle for training honors heats up early

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY, PHOTOS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

**T**he scramble for early dominance in the Presque Isle Downs trainers' race was already on full display in early July.

Gerald Brooks and Teresa Connelly were tied at the top with 17 wins (through July 5) and were followed in tight formation by Glenn Wismer (12), Ron Potts and Kim DePasquale (11 each) and S. Matthew Kintz (10). The season runs into October, so plenty will be heard from the trainers, but there was no doubting the competitiveness at the top.

Connelly and DePasquale followed similar paths to the Erie oval for 2018. Each wintered in Florida and pointed their horses toward Presque Isle, and each found early success.

"I strictly race at Presque Isle Downs," said DePasquale, who started the meet with 20 head. "I used to race at Colonial and transitioned up here because I seem to

collect turf horses, which I don't mind at all because they seemed to really like this [Tapeta] surface."

Born in New York, DePasquale lived in Chester Springs, Pa., during her youth, and now lives on a 500-acre farm in Ocala, where she gets her horses ready.

"We train primarily out in the open fields up and down the hills," she said. "I grew up around horses and used to ride show horses, but my favorite thing to do was fox hunting and point-to-point—I like going fast."

"My first job was working sales, and then I transitioned to the racetrack. My first job was working for Bennie Stutts, and then Larry Geiger. Geiger was my best mentor, he taught me the old-fashioned way, with hard work and caring for each horse as an individual."

This has been the best year yet for DePasquale, who sent out her first starter in 1987. Her previous best seasons were 1993 and 1994, during which she saddled 24 winners each, primarily at Calder Race Course, Hialeah Park and Tampa Bay Downs. She raced frequently on the Maryland circuit in 1997 before moving on to Colonial. By 2010, she had made the move to Presque Isle.

Among DePasquale's winners through July 5 were Alandtom and C the King, both of which prevailed May 15 and came back to win again May 23, and Long Legacy, who clicked May 22 and again June 11.

One of the best horses DePasquale trained was Ayrial Delight, a Georgia-bred filly who captured the 1996 Monmouth County Stakes at Meadowlands and placed in other stakes up and down the East Coast.

Kintz is off to an especially strong start, sporting a gaudy 36 percent winning rate, with his horses hitting the board 64 percent of the time through July 5. From 28 starts, Kintz saddled 10 winners.

**NOTES:** Another trainer who frequents the entry box at Presque Isle each year, Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, was off to a good start as well with five wins and eight seconds from 20 starts. Ron Sapp's **American Cougar** found the winner's circle for the second year in a row. The 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of American Lion broke his maiden at the Erie course in August 2017, raced at Penn National over the winter, recording a win in January, and shipped to Presque Isle to score in an allowance for state-breds May 29. American Cougar was bred by Sapp and his late wife Betsy out of the unraced Chapel Royal mare Bell Keeper, who was also bred by the Sapps, as was his third dam Flight Ops. . . . Trainer Shane Meyers has brought **Downtown Cowboy** to Presque Isle for the last four years and the gelding has racked up 12 of his 13 career victories in Erie. He continued to show an affinity for the Tapeta when he opened his season with a 3½-length victory in an allowance in 1:09.04 for 6 furlongs. The victory convinced Meyers that the time was right to take advantage of his sharpness and entered the Cowtown Cat gelding in the \$100,000 Karl Boyes Memorial Stakes June 18. Dismissed at nearly 16-1 in a driving rainstorm, Downtown Cowboy passed Rocket Heat in the stretch to win by three-quarters of a length. ★



### June stakes results for Presque Isle Downs

6/18 **Karl Boyes Memorial** (\$100K). 5½ F. 3&up.

Winner: **DOWNTOWN COWBOY** (ch.g., 6, Cowtown Cat—Darlin Dixie, by Dixie Brass). B-Jacqueline J. Diamond and Gary L. Mahon (Fla.). O-Judy Meyers. T-Shane Meyers. J-Scott Spieth. Time: 1:03.65. Margin: ¾.  
2nd: **Rocket Heat**. 3rd: **Colonel Sharp**.



# Alternate Route

## Season opener moves to Wednesday, realizes significant increase in handle

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY HOOFPRIINTS, INC.

**D**elaware Park opened its 81st season on an unusual day of the week, and the gamble paid off.

Looking to capitalize on a lighter-than-usual schedule in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions, Delaware kicked off its 2018 season Wednesday, May 30, with no competition for betting dollars from Parx Racing, Monmouth Park, Laurel Park or Belmont Park. That left Delaware as the lone afternoon Wednesday betting fare, and handicappers responded, pumping more than \$2 million on the nine-race card that included the Arabian nightcap.

Last year, Delaware opened Saturday, June 3, resulting in total handle of a little more than \$600,000.

The first race of the meet was captured, predictably, by five-time leading trainer

Jamie Ness, who sent out his own Queena Esther to win a 1-mile claiming event.

“We always look forward to Delaware because of the success we’ve enjoyed here and the atmosphere,” said Ness, who has 25 horses at Delaware this season. “And it’s a great place to spend the summer.”

The highlights of Opening Day included the victory by first-time starter Frippery, a daughter of City Zip owned and bred by Catherine Wills, in a maiden special weight at 7½ furlongs on turf, and the blowout score by Maryland-bred Nico Bree N Teej, a 3-year-old Freedom Child gelding, in a 1-mile starter allowance for owner BB Horses and MCA Racing Stable.

■ Joining the trainer colony on the Delaware Park backstretch this summer is a

young man whose career is just finding its best stride.

Jesus “Jesse” Cruz, 24, shipped in with 14 horses, and after hitting the board with his first eight starters, finally broke through to the winner’s circle June 20, saddling Bell Gable Stable’s Holiday Prayer to her maiden-breaker in a 1¼-mile turf test.

Despite his tender age, Cruz possesses plenty of experience, having grown up at the racetrack since he was a toddler, and then working for some of the game’s top trainers prior to striking out on his own.

“My mother [Daisy Tobin] was foreman and assistant to James Casey at Charles Town,” said Cruz. “I grew up at the barn. As a little kid, I didn’t like being there all day, but as I got older, I really got interested in the sport, thanks to a horse named Russell Road. He made me fall in love with horse racing. He was something special, and I wanted to have a horse like him.”

Cruz initially wanted to be a jockey and started out galloping horses, but human nature made the ultimate decision for him.

“I wanted to ride, but between ninth and 12th grades I grew four inches and gained weight, so I realized I would have to kill myself in order to make riding weight,” he said. “So I went to Gulfstream Park and Saratoga and became an exercise rider for Billy Mott and Mike Maker. One of the horses I rode for Maker was International Star, who won the Louisiana Derby. I learned a lot from both of them.”

Cruz also worked for Ollie Figgins III during the period when he trained Grade 1 winner Dance to Bristol.

“I was able to go all across the country with her when she ran in the Breeders’ Cup,” he said. “It was a great experience to be around a horse at that level.”

Through the urging of another Maryland trainer, Lacey Gaudet, Cruz took the trainer’s test in Maryland, which he passed Dec. 31, 2016. About three months later, his first starter was a winner, when Javier Contreras’ Maryland’s Best prevailed April 2, 2017, at Laurel.

Contreras was one of the first owners to send Cruz a horse, after his stepfather, Lewis Craig Jr., sent him the hard-hitting, stakes-winning gelding Help a Brother. His stable has since blossomed to 14, which prompted not only the hiring of several grooms and hotwalkers, but his move.

“It’s an opportunity to grow at Delaware Park, and they [management] gave me the stalls I needed,” said Cruz, who gallops all his horses in the morning. “My barn



New trainer Jesse Cruz has 14 stalls at Delaware Park.



has grass next to it—it's a beautiful place to train."

■ Two jockeys who were mainstays of the Delaware Park riding colony, but left to ride elsewhere in recent years, are back for 2018.

Mario Pino, 10th on the all-time list for wins by a jockey in North America with nearly 6,900, returned to the place where his career began nearly four decades ago. The 56-year-old native of Wilmington, Del., is riding primarily at Delaware, and in Maryland on dark days.

"I love riding at Delaware, I love the people and I love the family atmosphere," said Pino, who was the leading rider in 1979 and 1980. "Through the years I rode plenty of really good horses there, including Jameela, Sportin' Life and Hard Spun."

Also returning is Jeremy Rose, who won his first race aboard Dalys Princess in September 2000 at Delaware, and then launched his Eclipse Award-winning apprentice campaign the following season, a year in which he won more than \$6.6 million in purses and 312 races.

Now 39, the native of Bellefonte, Pa., hasn't ridden at Delaware since 2013, and has reunited with his former agent, John "Kidd" Breeden, hoping to recreate some of the earlier magic. The pair racked up some impressive numbers between 2001 and 2010, winning more than 1,000 races, two riding titles, more than 30 stakes, and a pair of leading jockey titles. Rose won an Eclipse Award as outstanding apprentice in 2001, and was the regular rider of champion and dual classic winner Afleet Alex for Delaware-based trainer Tim Ritchey.

**NOTES:** Since finishing third in her debut last September at Delaware, **Madame Milan** has done little wrong. After all, her bloodlines suggest that she should have a successful career, being a half-sister to Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Barbaro. The 3-year-old daughter of Bernardini out of La Ville Rouge collected her second victory when she defeated nine rivals in a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf allowance June 16. Owned and bred by the Lael Stable of Roy and Gretchen Jackson, and trained by Arnaud Delacour, Madame Milan hit the board in each of her first five starts. . . St. Elias Stable's **Teresa Z** passed her test for the \$750,000 Delaware Handicap-G2 with aplomb June 16, taking the \$100,000 Obeah Stakes over You Know Who. Ridden by Daniel Centeno, the 4-year-old Smart Strike filly is trained by Anthony Margotta. ★



St. Elias Stable's Teresa Z powers away with a win in the Obeah Stakes.



Mo Shopping and veteran jockey Mario Pino capture the Light Hearted for trainer Todd Pletcher.

## June stakes results for Delaware Park

**6/6 Light Hearted (\$50K). 1 mi. 70 yds. 3YO F.**

Winner: **MO SHOPPING** (b.f., Uncle Mo—Stopshoppingmaria, by More Than Ready). B/O-Repole Stable Inc. (Ky.). T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Mario G. Pino. Time: 1:42.77. Margin:  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 2nd: **Blue Strike**. 3rd: **Prospective Lady**.

**6/13 Stanton (\$50K). abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi. Turf. 3YO.**

Winner: **SILENT CITIZEN** (dk.b./br.c., Hat Trick-Jpn—Private Citizen, by Proud Citizen). B-Joe Dodgen and Jim Dodgen (Ky.). O-W. Mike Anderson. T-Efren Loza Jr. J-Albin Jimenez. Time: 1:44.68. Margin:  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . 2nd: **Up the Ante**. 3rd: **Archaggelos**.

**6/16 Obeah (\$100K). 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  mi. 3&up, F&M.**

Winner: **TERESA Z** (ch.f., 4, Smart Strike—With Flying Colors, by A.P. Indy). B-Besilu Stables LLC (Ky.). O-St. Elias Stable. T-Anthony R. Margotta Jr. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:49.33. Margin:  $2\frac{3}{4}$ . 2nd: **You Know Too**. 3rd: **Sneaky Betty**.

**6/20 Christiana (\$50K). abt 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  mi. Turf. 3YO F.**

Winner: **PEACH OF A GAL** (b.f., Curlin—Richetta, By Polish Numbers). B/O-Glenangus Farm LLC (Md.). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:42.39. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Frippery**. 3rd: **Layla Noor**.



# Crafting a Plan

## West Virginia racing industry asks state lawmakers for financial stability

BY TOM LAMARRA. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

The West Virginia racing industry didn't get what it wanted from the state legislature this year, but the push for assistance is expected to continue with about six months before lawmakers return to session in 2019.

A group of industry stakeholders that prepared the initial "Reflecting, Reimagining and Restoring" report on the economic value of racing and breeding in the state updated the document in 2018 after the West Virginia Racing Commission

asked stakeholders to reconvene. The follow-up report focuses on "solutions for stability," several of which have been on the wish list for some time.

The report notes that total purses at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races and Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack and Resort went from a little more than \$10 million in 1996 to a high of about \$90 million in 2004, but in 2016 had dropped below \$40 million.

The number of mares bred was about 1,200 in 2005 and just above 400 in 2016, while the foal crop, above 600 from 2004-07, was under 400 in 2016.

The report cites two legislative developments that took the most serious toll: The 2014 "haircut" bill, which took 10 percent of video lottery funds from racing and breeding and also subjected additional funds to re-appropriation by lawmakers; and the 2005 decision to take \$11 million a year from purses to help pay down the state workers' compensation program debt.

The latter was to sunset. It did so for other industries, but not racing. The original law that authorized racetrack gaming devoted 14-15.5 percent of video lottery terminal revenue to purses and breed development. Now, the actual percentage is in the single digits.

The report calls for "legislative action that provides for a stable percentage of video lottery terminal proceeds to be directed to the Thoroughbred purse fund as originally intended. Every year since 2014, the industry continues to be confronted with the question of how much money will be appropriated to the purse fund. This uncertainty creates an impossible model for the casino racetracks, the West Virginia Racing Commission, and owners, trainers and breeders.

"The common thread is the need for stability throughout the industry—stability in racing days and funding for purses and the West Virginia Racing Commission."

The report also recommends legalization of advance deposit wagering; the placement of off-track betting facilities in locations not near the four racetracks in the state; support for any legislation that allows the tracks to provide more options for customers; stable funding for the WVRC to regulate; increasing the profile of racing and breeding for agricultural and tourism purposes; and allowing tracks to be competitive by offering sports betting and other progressive wagering platforms.

As it turned out, the legislature earlier this year did pass a sports betting bill authorizing that form of gambling at four racetrack casinos and one stand alone casino under the auspices of the West Virginia Lottery. The law sets the state "privilege tax" at 10 percent of gross sports wagering receipts; a percentage of revenue for racing and breeding isn't part of the law.

A fiscal note attached to the law estimates gross gaming tax revenue in the first

### May stakes results for Charles Town

5/12 **It's Only Money** (\$50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.



Winner: **COURT DATE** (gr./ro.g., 4, Fiber Sonde—Sensationalism, by Tiger Ridge). B/O/T-Lela G. Hanagan (Md.). J-Gerald Almodovar. Time: :52.72. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Eutaw Street**. 3rd: **Last Plunge**.

5/19 **Fancy Buckles** (\$50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up, F&M.



Winner: **NOBLAME** (b.f., 3, Blame—Stolen Heart, by Ecton Park). B-James Miller Jr. (W.Va.). O-Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch. T-Joe Sharp. J-J.D. Acosta. Time: :52.00. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Moonlit Song**. 3rd: **Remy's Rocket**.



full year of implementation at \$5 million a year along with license fees totaling \$1.25 million. Net revenue to the state lottery fund is projected at \$5.5 million.

The West Virginia Lottery in June was preparing rules and regulations to govern sports betting, which also will have a mobile component under the control of the casinos. Officials have said the goal is to launch wagering in time for the NFL season this year.

Given low margins, sports betting profits rely on volume, and revenue can fluctu-

ate based on the number of winners and losers. It was suggested at a recent WVRC meeting that perhaps the racetracks would share some of the revenue with horsemen and breeders, but there has been no public indication that will occur.

Elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania included sports betting in its gaming expansion law last year and also didn't carve out revenue for racing. In New Jersey, Monmouth Park began taking sports bets in June and, because it is operated by the New Jersey Thoroughbred

Horsemen's Association, revenue will be used to bolster the racing product.

Delaware, which has had limited sports betting but expanded its offerings in June in light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, is the only state with a legislated cut for purses—roughly 9.6 percent of available revenue from sports betting. In recent years, with only parlay card bets on NFL games permitted, purses earned about \$500,000 a year at Delaware Park. ★

# Aiming High

## Zang homebred Lewisfield tests big sprint names with solid run in Grade 2 stakes at Belmont Park

**O**n July 7 at Belmont Park, Lewisfield finished worse than third for the first time in 10 starts dating back to his debut in the summer of 2017.

But it wasn't necessarily a disappointment for the 4-year-old gelding based at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. Lewisfield competed against some of the top dirt sprinters in the country, and he certainly held his own.

It's not a stretch to say the Maryland homebred owned by Linda Zang and trained by Jeff Runco is among the best sprinters in the Mid-Atlantic.

"It was obviously his toughest race so far," Runco said a few days after Lewisfield finished fourth in the \$350,000 Belmont Sprint Championship-G2 at 7 furlongs. "He ran a competitive race against Breeders' Cup-type horses. He had a little trouble in the stretch, and that might have cost him third."

Lewisfield collected \$22,000 for his trip to New York, but he also earned some all-important experience. Multiple graded stakes winners Limousine Liberal and Whitmore finished first and second, only a neck apart, with Eye Luv Lulu, a New York-bred stakes winner with more than \$700,000 in earnings, less than 2 lengths back in third.

Lewisfield finished another 3 lengths back, but he was bumped off stride near the top of the stretch in a chain-reaction incident that didn't result in a change in the order of finish.

"I thought the horse tried really hard, but he wasn't good enough for the top two," said Runco, who again leads the trainer standings at Charles Town this year. "He has been lightly raced and I think there is more room for improvement. Overall, the important thing is the experience will help him in his career. It was tough race."

Lewisfield, by Great Notion, won the Not For Love Stakes for Maryland-breds at Laurel Park in March, and then returned to finish third in the Maryland Sprint Stakes-G3 at Pimlico Race Course on Preakness Day. He returned to finish a close second to graded stakes winner Chublicious in the Mr. Prospector Stakes at Monmouth Park in June.

The latter two are part of this year's MATCH Series, and heading into the third of five legs in the 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint—Dirt Division, Lewisfield led the standings. His start in the Belmont Sprint Championship kept him out of the third leg, the \$75,000 Hockessin Stakes at Delaware Park July 14, but the gelding only needs one more start in a MATCH event to qualify for bonus money.

"It was time to give the horse a chance," Runco said of the New York try. "There were only six horses in the Belmont race. Sometimes you can run in a 10-horse field that's supposed to be easier and bring home nothing. We're still

excited about him after the New York effort."

The final two races in the MATCH Series division are at Laurel, where Lewisfield has four wins and a second in five outings. They are the \$100,000 Polynesian Stakes at 7 furlongs Aug. 12 and the \$250,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 at 6 furlongs Sept. 15.

Runco said he was looking at the \$75,000 Senator Robert C. Byrd Memorial Stakes at Mountaineer Aug. 4 as well as the Polynesian for Lewisfield, who has earned \$212,967. The De Francis Dash wouldn't be a stretch given his effort at Belmont and the fact New Jersey-bred Chublicious won the race last year, and Whitmore was among those he defeated.

Meanwhile, Runco and other Charles Town-based horsemen are gearing up for the West Virginia Breeders Classics Oct. 13. There has been the usual series of \$29,000 state-bred allowance races in various divisions, and on July 6 a local favorite returned to the winner's circle for the first time this year.

The 9-year-old Windsor Castle gelding Help a Brother, owned and trained by Lewis Craig Jr., held on to win the 6½-furlong test by a nose over the Runco-owned and -trained Weekend Liberty, who finished third in the marquee West Virginia Breeders Classic at 1⅛ miles last year. Help a Brother, a winner of 14 races and \$368,469 in 45 starts, won the 7-furlong West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Onion Juice Breeders Classic last year.

The West Virginia Racing Commission at a meeting July 12 was scheduled to consider a request for \$950,000 in purse money for this year's WVBC. The money comes from a special fund supported by video lottery terminal revenue.

/Tom LaMarra



# Family Fun

## Well-bred colt Funtastic pulls upset in Grade 1 United Nations

BY LYNNE SNIERSON. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUIPHOTO, INC.

**W**ith four horses, including the top three betting choices, in a nine-horse field, it was a fairly safe bet that trainer Chad Brown would end up in the winner's circle at the conclusion

of the Grade 1 United Nations Stakes at Monmouth Park June 30.

What didn't figure was that the reigning two-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer would be posing for photos with Three

Chimneys Farm's Funtastic, who had been dismissed at 23-1 and was the longest shot on the board for the 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ -mile test.

The 4-year-old More Than Ready colt made his graded-stakes debut and stepped way up off his previous outing—a win over four rivals in a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile turf allowance at Belmont Park May 26. In the UN, Funtastic was also ridden for the first time by Antonio Gallardo, who notched the first Grade 1 score of his career with a front-running strategy that lasted 2:12.36 and concluded a half-length in front of the Brown-trained favorite Money Multiplier.

"A Grade 1 winner is so hard to come by in this business, and any way they come is great," said Chris Baker, the chief operating officer of Three Chimneys, the far-reaching Kentucky farm now owned by



The longest-priced of four runners in the race for trainer Chad Brown, Funtastic laughs home in the Grade 1 United Nations.



the Torrealba family. "It is probably not the traditional progression, and it is a pretty rapid progression for him, but he had shown a lot of talent and we thought a lot of him. The allowance win at a mile-and-a-half was a big litmus test for him. We thought the distance would suit him and Mr. [Goncalo] Torrealba pushed for that. After that worked out [at Belmont], there are just so few options at that distance.

"Funtastic had answered the question of distance, so we said 'Let's ask the question of class,'" Baker continued, "and he answered that as well."

Funtastic was bred in Kentucky by Besilu Stable, out of the now retired, 25-year-old mare Quiet Dance, a daughter of Quiet American and also the dam of 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam, Grade 2 winner Quiet Giant, Grade 3 winner Congressional Honor, and the multiple Grade 1 stakes-placed Miss Besilu.

Through Quiet Giant, Quiet Dance is the granddam of 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner, who earned just shy of \$16 million in his career.

In 2014, Three Chimneys acquired 50 percent of Gun Runner, who has joined the stallion roster there following his 2018 Pegasus World Cup-G1 victory in January, as part of a package that included Quiet Dance, Quiet Giant, Miss Besilu, and Funtastic when he was a foal delivered by his then 21-year-old dam.

"He was born at WinStar Farm and then he was developed here up to the point when he went off to go into training. From the beginning, Funtastic struck us as something special," said Baker. "He didn't look like a foal from a 21-year-old mare. He was strong, balanced, athletic and very, very forward and there was nothing about him that appeared to be an old mare's foal on any level. He was exceptional that way from the beginning. We always thought he had a lot of quality."

Being closely related to Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winners Saint Liam (2005) and Gun Runner (2017), Funtastic projected to excel on the main track. But that proved not to be so.

"It was really figured out as his training advanced that he seemed to be decent on the dirt, but he was not exceptional," Baker said. "He got to the point that he wasn't showing as much as we thought he was showing before. Instead of throwing in the towel, especially since he's bred so well, Mr. Torrealba, Chad and I all said let's try him on the turf."



**Money Multiplier skips away from the field in the Grade 2 Monmouth, his prep for the United Nations.**



**Pennsylvania-bred veteran Page McKenney, the onetime claimer, moved close to \$1.9 million in career earnings with a gutsy score in the Grade 3 Salvator Mile.**

The experiment proved mighty successful and with his win over Monmouth's course, Funtastic improved to 4-2-1 in nine starts and almost doubled his bankroll to \$384,943 with the \$180,000 winner's share. But it isn't just about the earnings for his connections.

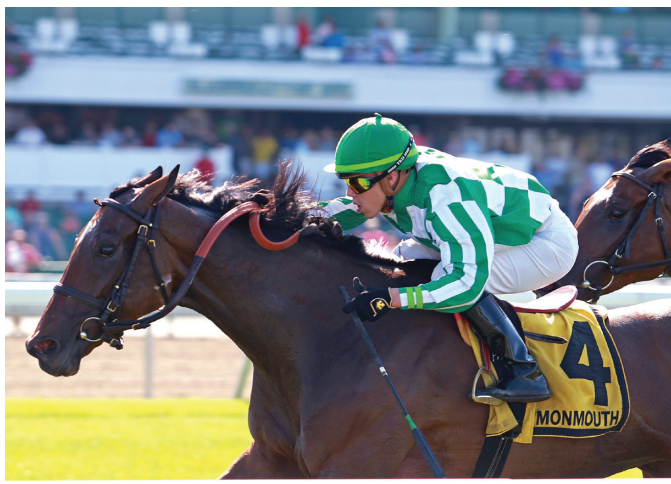
"We've got Quiet Giant, who produced 14 foals with 12 winners and 12 starters and one of her unraced foals, Beatem Buster, produced Grade 1 winner Buster's Ready," Baker said. "Funtastic was the 13th of her 14 foals and that shows how excep-

tional she is. We've also got Miss Besilu, Gun Runner, and all of the siblings and relatives of Funtastic right here at Three Chimneys. The ripple effect with all of the relations here makes this Grade 1 win all that much more meaningful to us."

Baker, who was the general manager for 11 years at Spring Hill Farm in Virginia, home to Quiet Dance and Quiet Giant until the operation dispersed in 2011 following the death of Edward P. Evans

"For me, specifically, working for Mr. Evans at Spring Hill Farm, where the fam-





Dream Awhile overcame a rough start to capture the Grade 3 Eatontown.



Harlan Punch soared home a 5¼-length winner in the Grade 3 Iselin.

## June stakes results for Monmouth

### 6/2 Tale of the Cat (\$60K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO.

Winner: **GUNNISON** (b.c., Bernardini—Madame Du Lac, by Lemon Drop Kid). B-Hinkle Farms and Darley (Ky.). O-Gunpowder Farms LLC and Hinkle Farms. T-Kelly Rubley. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:43.26. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Strike Me Down**. 3rd: **One Fast Ride**.

### 6/9 Miss Liberty (\$75K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **LIFT UP** (b.f., 4, Ghostzapper—Dynamic Cat, by Dynaformer). B-George Strawbridge Jr. (Ky.). O-Augustin Stable. T-Michael W. Dickinson. J-Mario G. Pino. Time: 1:41.09. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Viva Vegas**. 3rd: **Party Boat**.

### 6/17 Pegasus (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **SUPREME AURA** (ch.c., Candy Ride—Arg—Groton Circle, by Mr. Greeley). B-St George Farm LLC (Ky.). O-Stallionaire Enterprises LLC. T-Michael Stidham. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:46.48. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Roaming Union**. 3rd: **Justaholic**.

### 6/17 Mr. Prospector (\$75K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **CHUBLICIOUS** (b.g., 7, Hey Chub—Sassy Broad, by Arch). B-Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.). O-Brittlyn Stable Inc. T-David A. Cannizzo. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:09.92. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Lewisfield**. 3rd: **Laki**.

### 6/17 Regret (\$75K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **CHALON** (b.f., 4, Dialed In—Fall Fantasy, by Menifee). B-J.K. Griggs and Linda Griggs (Ky.). O-Lael Stables. T-Arnaud Delacour. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:10.05. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Jessica Krupnick**. 3rd: **Liz's Cable Girl**.

### 6/17 Dan Horn H (\$60K). 1¼ mi. Turf. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **IRISH STRAIT** (ch.g., 6, English Channel—Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers). B/O-Isabelle H. de Tomaso (N.J.). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:42.42. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Golden Brown**. 3rd: **Fuzzy Muzzle**.

### 6/23 Open Mind (\$60K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **DARK ARTIST** (b.f., Paynter—Ominous Cat, by Storm Cat). B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). O-Goodwood Racing VIII. T-Jane Cibelli. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:44.44. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Too Charming**. 3rd: **So Hi Society (Ire)**.

### 6/30 United Nations-G1 (\$300K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **FUNTASTIC** (gr./ro.c., 4, More Than Ready—Quiet Dance, by Quiet American). B-Besilu Stables LLC (Ky.). O-Three Chimneys Farm. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 2:12.36. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Money Multiplier**. 3rd: **Bigger Picture**.

### 6/30 Eatontown-G3 (\$100K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **DREAM AWHILE** (b.f., 4, War Front—Baroness Richter-Ire, by Montjeu-Ire). B/O-Joseph Allen LLC (Ky.). T-Chad C. Brown. J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Time: 1:41.59. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Special Event**. 3rd: **Elysea's World (Ire)**.

### 6/30 Philip H. Iselin-G3 (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **HARLAN PUNCH** (b.g., 5, Harlan's Holiday—Indy Punch, by Pulling Punches). B-Rosemont Farm LLC (Ky.). O/T-David Jacobson. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:44.53. Margin: 5¼. 2nd: **Page McKenney**. 3rd: **Backsideofthemoon**.

### 6/30 Lady's Secret (\$75K). 1¼ mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **DIVINE MISS GREY** (ch.f., 4, Divine Park—Seattle Grey, by Friends Lake). B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky.). O-Corms Racing Stable and R. A. Hill Stable. T-Danny Gargan. J-Kendrick Carmouche. Time: 1:44.72. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Moonlit Garden**. 3rd: **Total Control**.





ily from which all of these horses come, makes it even that much more significant, enjoyable and gratifying,” he said. “I feel a sense of duty to this family.”

■ Brown’s day included an undercard victory in the Eatontown-G3 with Joe Allen’s Dream Awhile, who stumbled at the start but still managed to defeat Special Event, with the Brown-trained Elysea’s World (Ire) third.

■ Featured in the July magazine, Monmouth owner/trainer/breeder J. Willard Thompson is donating half the profits from sales of his book *The Mission* to benefit Thoroughbred aftercare via the Retired Racehorse Project. *The Mission* is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other booksellers.

■ Through July 5, Jorge Navarro led the trainers’ standings with 29 wins. From just 34 starts, Jason Servis was second with 19 wins, followed by Kelly Breen (15) and Brown (12). Paco Lopez (29 wins) and Jose Ferrer (28) sat atop the jockeys’ standings, followed by Gallardo (22). Owners George Hall, Flying P Stable and Dennis Drazin had all won six races and were just ahead of five others with five. ✱

## May stakes results for Monmouth

### 5/5 **Cliff Hanger** (\$75K). 1 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **FORCE THE PASS** (ch.h., 6, Speightstown—Social Queen, by Dynaformer). B/O-Colts Neck Stables LLC (Ky.). T-Alan E. Goldberg. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:33.73. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Irish Strait**. 3rd: **Dalarna**.

### 5/12 **Serena’s Song** (\$60K). 1 mi. 70 yds. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **BERNED** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Bernardini—First Passage, by Giant’s Causeway). B-AR Enterprises LLC (Ky.). O-Robert Masiello, West Point Thoroughbreds and Chris Larsen. T-H. Graham Motion. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:42.14. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **A Place to Shine**. 3rd: **Teresa Z**.

### 5/19 **Politely** (\$60K). 1 mi. Off Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **DROP DEAD RED** (ch.m., 5, Hold Me Back—Stylish Affair, by Not For Love). B-Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III (Va.). O-Cavallino Racing LLC. T-Kelly J. Breen. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:39.00. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Party Boat**. 3rd: **Trace of Grace**.

### 5/26 **Monmouth-G2** (\$200K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **MONEY MULTIPLIER** (dk.b./br.r., 6, Lookin At Lucky—Intensify, by Unbridled’s Song). B-Machmer Hall and Haymarket Farm (Ky.). O-AI Shahania Stud. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:46.79. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Divisidero**. 3rd: **Projected (GB)**.

### 5/26 **Salvator Mile-G3** (\$100K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **PAGE MCKENNEY** (ch.g., 8, Eavesdropper—Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae). B-Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis (Pa.). O-Adam Staple and Jalin Stable. T-Mary E. Eppler. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:36.49. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Shaft of Light**. 3rd: **Sunny Ridge**.

### 5/26 **Boiling Springs** (\$75K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **DARK ARTIST** (b.f., Paynter—Ominous Cat, by Storm Cat). B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). O-Goodwood Racing VIII. T-Jane Cibelli. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:41.81. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Reversethedecision**. 3rd: **So Hi Society (Ire)**.

### 5/26 **John J. Reilly H** (\$60K). 6 F. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **BROTHER CHUB** (dk.b./br.g., 6, Hey Chub—Sassy Broad, by Arch). B-Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.). O-Kasey K Racing Stable LLC and Michael Day. T-Michael M. Moore. J-Jose Ortiz. Time: 1:10.06. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Chublicious**. 3rd: **Mello Groove**.



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# Breakthrough

## Firestone homebred Armoire lands first stakes triumph in Nellie Mae Cox

BY BEN GOWANS. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE

**A**rmoire always showed the ability to be a stakes-winning filly, it just took a little while for the day to come. In her first start as a 5-year-old, the mare owned by Diana and Bert Firestone finally got her first stakes score in the \$75,000 Nellie Mae Cox Stakes, the first of four Virginia-bred stakes run June 23 at Laurel Park.

Armoire competed in all three of the Virginia-bred stakes races on grass for fillies and mares at Laurel last year and was second in all three, twice behind Queen Caroline.

This time around, Armoire got some revenge as Queen Caroline settled for third.

Trainer Arnaud Delacour had the winner ready off the nearly nine-month layoff.

"I know she hasn't raced a lot for a 5-year-old mare," he said. "The Firestones

felt that they wanted to do the Virginia-bred series again. I told them that the best way to do that is to skip the winter. In the winter at Gulfstream or Tampa, there is not a whole lot for her."

Armoire made a successful start to her career when she debuted a winner at 2 at Tampa Bay Downs in December 2015. The filly was on the sidelines for the next 10 months, but improved to 2-for-2 with an allowance win at Keeneland's fall meeting as a 3-year-old. After three losses, she returned to winner's circle after a victory on last year's Black-Eyed Susan Stakes undercard at Pimlico.

"She's gotten stronger with time," Delacour said. "She was a lean type of a filly when she was a 3-year-old. Each year, it seems she has gotten a little bit deeper, which is always a good sign."

Armoire is by Artie Schiller out of the War Chant mare Wardrobe. Wardrobe is a daughter of the Irish-bred Rum Charger. That mare won a Group 3 when trained by Dermot Weld for the Firestones in Ireland and in her second career has been quite the producer of Virginia-breds. She is the dam of multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire Winchester and multiple graded stakes winner Middleburg, both trained by Christophe Clement for the Firestones.

Delacour also trains the popular Firestone homebred Special Envoy, who won each of the three Virginia-bred turf route stakes for males last year. The 7-year-old also made his first run since September on Laurel's June 23 card. The consistent performer finished second in the Edward Evans Stakes, three races after Armoire's victory.

"I was happy with his performance, he probably needed the race," Delacour said. "Last year we were lucky enough that the schedule worked out, so we could give him a prep before the series. Unlike Armoire, he's kind of a pudgy little horse. As he's getting older, he's getting a little more mellow, so it's more difficult to get him ready. He ran a good race and the added distance next time will help."

The Firestones first sent horses to Leigh and Arnaud Delacour in 2009.

"I met them when Christophe [Clement] started training for them and was sending me the horses that wouldn't quite make the cut in New York," Delacour said of his former boss. "I guess I was there at the right time. They needed a trainer in the Mid-Atlantic and Christophe started sending me the overflow and we have gotten some good stock through the years."

■ Denying Special Envoy his fourth stakes win in a row was Sticksstatelydude. In his first start against strictly state-bred competition, the 5-year-old prevailed by a length in the \$75,000 Evans. It was his first victory since the 2016 Discovery Stakes-G3 late in his 3-year-old season.

Longtime friends Kieran McLaughlin and Greg Burchell have shared training duties throughout Sticksstatelydude's career. Before his latest win, McLaughlin would only be the trainer of record when the horse ran in New York, but Burchell retired from training earlier this year.

"That was a great win. I'm very happy for Greg. He's the one that's been with him the most hours in his life," McLaughlin said. "We thought we might be on an uncontested lead but it didn't quite work



Under the familiar colors of Diana and Bertram Firestone, Armoire kicked off Virginia-bred stakes day with a victory in the Nellie Mae Cox for older fillies and mares.





**Sticksstatelydude** got his first win since taking the 2016 Discovery Stakes-G3 in the Edward Evans, his Laurel debut.



**Determined Vision**, a son of the region's top sire, Jump Start, and full-brother to graded winner Just Call Kenny, won his stakes debut in the White Oak Farm.

out that way. But, I liked the way the race unfolded and the way Jorge Vargas rode him. It worked out well."

Sticksstatelydude and Vargas were carried out several paths off the rail around the first turn and raced three wide up the backstretch. They made progress around the second bend and took the lead at the top of the stretch. The graded stakes-winning son of First Dude stuck his neck out when the competition came to him and prevailed by a length.

"He's a horse that's had some physical problems and we've had to stop on him from time to time," Burchell said. "The turf is easier on him considering his injuries. His mother and his sister both won on the turf so we figured we'd give him a chance and we're fortunate that it worked out."

■ Going into the White Oak Farm Stakes, Determined Vision did not have the look of a horse ready to win a turf sprint stakes. He finished sixth of seven in his previous race, a 1-mile dirt allowance. His only win was a dirt maiden special at Pimlico. Henceforth, he was sent off as the longest shot of eight in the 5½-furlong turf stakes.

The quirky 3-year-old defied logic with a gate-to-wire score in the \$75,000 stakes. It was an eventful ride for jockey Jevian Toledo, as his saddle slipped backward during the race.

"He's kind of a high-strung horse," said trainer Phil Schoenthal. "We put the earmuffs on him in the morning and it really seemed to calm him down so we added the earmuffs for the race today and he seemed like he relaxed and took a deep breath and ran well despite having his saddle slip. Hats off to Toledo. A lot of riders would have pulled him up out of the race for their own

safety and he rode the hair off him anyway. It was really Toledo's win more than anything else."

The son of Jump Start was bred by Althea Richards. D Hatman Thoroughbreds and Kingdom Bloodstock bought him for \$67,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale.

**NOTES:** **Altamura** won the \$75,000 M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes in her fourth start and only six weeks after her debut. Racing for the third time in June and having only broken her maiden eight days before, the filly gave trainer John Stephens his first stakes win. "She's just really improved from her first start and we've been very pleased with her. We gave her the time

last year to mature, so we're very excited," Stephens said. The 3-year-old was bred by Chance Farm and is owned by Fred Seitz, Danny Ward and her trainer. She was sold July 9 at Fasig-Tipton's Summer Selected Horses of Racing Age sale for \$205,000 to Kempton Bloodstock, agent. . . Last year's Maryland Million Classic Stakes winner **Bonus Points** made a successful return to Laurel, winning an allowance June 9. The 4-year-old closed from off a slow pace to get up and win by a length. Trainer Todd Pletcher and owner Three Diamonds Farm will likely map out a path to get the colt primed for another try on Maryland Million day. ★

## June stakes results for Laurel

### 6/16 **Alma North** (\$75K). 7 F. 3YO F.

Winner: **SPLIT TIME** (b.f., Take Charge Indy—Speed Dating, by Not For Love). B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (N.Y.). O-Tic Stables. T-Linda Rice. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:24.48. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Norma's Charm**. 3rd: **Limited View**.

### 6/23 **Edward P. Evans** (\$75K). 1 mi. Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **STICKSSTATELYDUDE** (b.h., 5, First Dude—Placerita, by Gilded Time). B-Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds (Va.). O-A. Haynes, J. Ferris, Pack Pride Racing, M. Haynes and B. Ward. T-Kieran P. McLaughlin. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:34.85. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Special Envoy**. 3rd: **Speed Gracer**.

### 6/23 **M. Tyson Gilpin** (\$75K). 5½ F. Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ALTAMURA** (b.f., 3, Artie Schiller—Delta Weekend, by Jump Start). B-Chance Farm (Va.). O-Frederick J. Seitz, Danny Ward and John D. Stephens. T-John D. Stephens. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:02.05. Margin: head. 2nd: **Virginia Fable**. 3rd: **Up Hill Battle**.

### 6/23 **Nellie Mae Cox** (\$75K). 1 mi. Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ARMOIRE** (b.m., 5, Artie Schiller—Wardrobe, by War Chant). B/O-Mr. and Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone (Va.). T-Arnaud Delacour. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:34.61. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Drop Dead Red**. 3rd: **Queen Caroline**.

### 6/23 **White Oak Farm** (\$75K). 5½ F. Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **DETERMINED VISION** (dk.b./br.g., 3, Jump Start—Green Jeans, by Green Dancer). B-Althea Richards (Va.). O-D Hatman Thoroughbreds and Kingdom Bloodstock Inc. T-Phil Schoenthal. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:01.99. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Available**. 3rd: **Lime House Louie**.



# STALLION RANKINGS

## Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2018

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on July 5, reflect 2018 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

|                                  | Foals | Runners | Starts | Winners | Races Won | Leading Earner                | Earnings    | %Wnrs./<br>Runners | Avg./<br>Runner | Stakes<br>Winners |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Jump Start (Pa)               | 1,367 | 128     | 532    | 52      | 68        | Startwithsilver (\$174,900)   | \$2,380,535 | 41                 | \$18,598        | 6                 |
| 2. Friesan Fire (Md)             | 175   | 79      | 363    | 39      | 51        | Army Mule (\$266,400)         | 1,729,348   | 49                 | 21,890          | 1                 |
| 3. Great Notion (Md)             | 312   | 75      | 259    | 32      | 46        | Anna's Bandit (\$112,460)     | 1,530,032   | 43                 | 20,400          | 4                 |
| 4. Fiber Sonde (WV)              | 207   | 60      | 245    | 34      | 56        | Court Date (\$83,026)         | 992,409     | 57                 | 16,540          | 1                 |
| 5. Weigelia (Pa)                 | 109   | 31      | 154    | 20      | 28        | Smooth B (\$114,060)          | 891,112     | 65                 | 28,746          | 1                 |
| 6. Not For Love (deceased)       | 974   | 58      | 247    | 27      | 33        | Stolen Love (\$77,220)        | 851,405     | 47                 | 14,679          | 1                 |
| 7. Windsor Castle (WV)           | 340   | 73      | 327    | 31      | 44        | William and Mary (\$91,370)   | 777,445     | 42                 | 10,650          | 1                 |
| 8. Orientate (pensioned)         | 833   | 54      | 231    | 24      | 32        | Whyyouask (\$71,106)          | 746,217     | 44                 | 13,819          | 0                 |
| 9. Fairbanks (pensioned)         | 228   | 41      | 165    | 10      | 14        | One Go All Go (\$363,550)     | 694,617     | 24                 | 16,942          | 1                 |
| 10. Limehouse (WV)               | 444   | 63      | 259    | 21      | 29        | Sandy's Slew (\$107,805)      | 666,743     | 33                 | 10,583          | 1                 |
| 11. Lord Shanakill (Pa)          | 185   | 69      | 250    | 26      | 33        | Dark Kingdom (\$75,359)       | 625,789     | 38                 | 9,069           | 2                 |
| 12. Rockport Harbor (deceased)   | 471   | 59      | 256    | 16      | 28        | Memphisinmay (\$77,190)       | 583,487     | 27                 | 9,890           | 1                 |
| 13. Street Magician (Md)         | 126   | 47      | 163    | 15      | 20        | Up Hill Battle (\$58,222)     | 577,734     | 32                 | 12,292          | 0                 |
| 14. Silver Train (deceased)      | 536   | 57      | 238    | 21      | 33        | Yeah Rocky (\$69,288)         | 543,070     | 37                 | 9,528           | 0                 |
| 15. Talent Search (Pa)           | 144   | 44      | 188    | 16      | 25        | Captain Riley (\$48,303)      | 502,199     | 36                 | 11,414          | 0                 |
| 16. Denis of Cork (WV)           | 126   | 49      | 231    | 22      | 29        | Scottish Denis (\$35,335)     | 429,913     | 45                 | 8,774           | 0                 |
| 17. El Padrino (deceased)        | 102   | 25      | 93     | 10      | 14        | Whereshetoldmetogo (\$81,320) | 426,134     | 40                 | 17,045          | 1                 |
| 18. Hey Chub (NJ)                | 39    | 16      | 70     | 10      | 16        | Brother Chub (\$137,900)      | 420,404     | 63                 | 26,275          | 3                 |
| 19. Petionville (Md)             | 740   | 36      | 170    | 17      | 18        | Cardio Cowboy (\$49,440)      | 415,015     | 47                 | 11,528          | 0                 |
| 20. Charitable Man (deceased)    | 169   | 55      | 202    | 21      | 26        | Luna Cresente (\$25,321)      | 411,879     | 38                 | 7,489           | 0                 |
| 21. Redeemed (Md)                | 76    | 33      | 123    | 11      | 13        | Friday Mass (\$58,400)        | 399,068     | 33                 | 12,093          | 0                 |
| 22. Crown of Thorns (Pa)         | 50    | 23      | 116    | 8       | 15        | Swagger Jagger (\$70,084)     | 371,183     | 35                 | 16,138          | 1                 |
| 23. Bullsbay (Pa)                | 72    | 20      | 83     | 12      | 19        | Brass Bull (\$52,700)         | 359,221     | 60                 | 17,961          | 0                 |
| 24. Freedom Child (Md)           | 54    | 19      | 78     | 9       | 10        | Limited View (\$87,500)       | 336,049     | 47                 | 17,687          | 1                 |
| 25. Mr. Sidney (WV)              | 118   | 32      | 140    | 12      | 16        | Mr Satchmo (\$70,953)         | 314,459     | 38                 | 9,827           | 1                 |
| 26. Lion Hearted (deceased)      | 624   | 30      | 110    | 9       | 10        | Sweethearted (\$33,177)       | 298,218     | 30                 | 9,941           | 0                 |
| 27. Defrere (deceased)           | 590   | 16      | 62     | 6       | 7         | Oak Bluffs (\$159,100)        | 279,943     | 38                 | 17,496          | 1                 |
| 28. Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)       | 27    | 7       | 28     | 5       | 8         | Dixie Serenade (\$104,750)    | 279,187     | 71                 | 39,884          | 0                 |
| 29. Rimrod (Pa)                  | 111   | 14      | 65     | 8       | 9         | Checkbouncin Billy (\$83,620) | 254,602     | 57                 | 18,186          | 0                 |
| 30. Scipion (Md)                 | 144   | 23      | 102    | 5       | 6         | In Arrears (\$79,587)         | 239,531     | 22                 | 10,414          | 0                 |
| 31. Medallist (Pa)               | 198   | 19      | 66     | 6       | 11        | Flashy Kyem (\$42,770)        | 233,422     | 32                 | 12,285          | 0                 |
| 32. Despite the Odds (Md)        | 46    | 15      | 72     | 9       | 10        | Masons Turn (\$41,888)        | 229,673     | 60                 | 15,312          | 0                 |
| 33. Mad Flatter (deceased)       | 42    | 16      | 68     | 7       | 8         | La Bella Pina (\$41,680)      | 204,356     | 44                 | 12,772          | 0                 |
| 34. Peak Dancer (deceased)       | 91    | 20      | 85     | 9       | 12        | Braxton (\$54,150)            | 202,293     | 45                 | 10,115          | 0                 |
| 35. Outflanker (Md)              | 556   | 21      | 82     | 5       | 6         | Crouchelli (\$35,891)         | 200,639     | 24                 | 9,554           | 0                 |
| 36. Cal Nation (Pa)              | 45    | 18      | 79     | 4       | 7         | Parade of Nations (\$52,509)  | 190,735     | 22                 | 10,596          | 0                 |
| 37. Swiss Yodeler (pensioned)    | 778   | 32      | 151    | 15      | 23        | Swiss Wager (\$24,622)        | 184,838     | 47                 | 5,776           | 1                 |
| 38. Bop (deceased)               | 192   | 19      | 73     | 6       | 11        | Bebopaleon (\$44,896)         | 173,417     | 32                 | 9,127           | 0                 |
| 39. Louis Quatorze (deceased)    | 989   | 16      | 59     | 5       | 6         | Senor Louie (\$34,100)        | 173,040     | 31                 | 10,815          | 0                 |
| 40. Machen (WV)                  | 61    | 18      | 61     | 10      | 13        | K's Machen Em (\$23,308)      | 170,816     | 56                 | 9,490           | 0                 |
| 41. Love of Money (deceased)     | 124   | 14      | 55     | 8       | 9         | Moneybags (\$35,814)          | 157,627     | 57                 | 11,259          | 0                 |
| 42. Don Six (NJ)                 | 83    | 16      | 57     | 4       | 5         | Evil Monkey (\$71,385)        | 155,496     | 25                 | 9,719           | 0                 |
| 43. During (WV)                  | 206   | 13      | 53     | 6       | 9         | Nellysford (\$42,227)         | 155,197     | 46                 | 11,938          | 0                 |
| 44. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)      | 51    | 12      | 46     | 5       | 9         | I'm Sleeping In (\$55,500)    | 151,635     | 42                 | 12,636          | 0                 |
| 45. Albert the Great (pensioned) | 408   | 16      | 77     | 5       | 9         | Rumfire (\$24,086)            | 150,509     | 31                 | 9,407           | 0                 |
| 46. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)   | 308   | 16      | 60     | 8       | 10        | Zorally (\$58,599)            | 148,159     | 50                 | 9,260           | 0                 |
| 47. Andiron (Pa)                 | 45    | 12      | 59     | 5       | 6         | Roxbury N Overton (\$51,610)  | 144,997     | 42                 | 12,083          | 0                 |
| 48. Activist (deceased)          | 188   | 10      | 46     | 4       | 6         | Only by Grace (\$47,208)      | 141,846     | 40                 | 14,185          | 0                 |
| 49. Rock Slide (pensioned)       | 282   | 17      | 64     | 5       | 6         | Punch Nephew (\$22,364)       | 138,540     | 29                 | 8,149           | 0                 |
| 50. Friend Or Foe (Va)           | 16    | 5       | 17     | 2       | 2         | Mr. Buff (\$57,450)           | 137,591     | 40                 | 27,518          | 0                 |
| 51. Gattopardo (WV)              | 25    | 11      | 43     | 4       | 8         | Opera Nite (\$57,380)         | 132,654     | 36                 | 12,059          | 0                 |
| 52. Cherokee's Boy (Md)          | 104   | 12      | 52     | 4       | 4         | Dr Bolt (\$23,683)            | 124,671     | 33                 | 10,389          | 0                 |
| 53. Cuba (Md)                    | 15    | 4       | 26     | 2       | 3         | Laki (\$54,630)               | 122,960     | 50                 | 30,740          | 0                 |
| 54. Drinkwiththedevel (Pa)       | 56    | 7       | 33     | 4       | 4         | Bizerk (\$37,020)             | 119,078     | 57                 | 17,011          | 0                 |
| 55. Nicanor (pensioned)          | 32    | 11      | 36     | 6       | 6         | Nicki de Nephew (\$32,553)    | 116,435     | 55                 | 10,585          | 0                 |
| 56. Partner's Hero (Pa)          | 460   | 15      | 42     | 1       | 2         | Zipper's Hero (\$74,670)      | 111,918     | 7                  | 7,461           | 0                 |
| 57. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)    | 549   | 11      | 48     | 5       | 5         | Hygh Life (\$27,233)          | 102,061     | 45                 | 9,278           | 0                 |
| 58. Garnered (WV)                | 102   | 10      | 38     | 3       | 4         | Mean Bean (\$44,560)          | 97,568      | 30                 | 9,757           | 0                 |
| 59. Rebellion (GB) (Va)          | 49    | 9       | 28     | 2       | 2         | Sine Metu (\$29,492)          | 92,346      | 22                 | 10,261          | 0                 |
| 60. Cosa Vera (Va)               | 32    | 10      | 31     | 2       | 3         | Zarbanda (\$34,040)           | 89,875      | 20                 | 8,988           | 0                 |
| 61. City Sharpster (Pa)          | 63    | 13      | 70     | 4       | 5         | Rapidez (\$16,754)            | 89,593      | 31                 | 6,892           | 0                 |
| 62. Baltimore Bob (Md)           | 23    | 6       | 20     | 2       | 2         | Beltway Bob (\$33,453)        | 88,220      | 33                 | 14,703          | 0                 |
| 63. Il Postino (NJ)              | 16    | 6       | 38     | 3       | 3         | Gables Girl (\$26,555)        | 84,779      | 50                 | 14,130          | 0                 |
| 64. Buffum (Md)                  | 13    | 7       | 15     | 1       | 1         | No Refunds (\$53,080)         | 83,316      | 14                 | 11,902          | 0                 |
| 65. Reflect Times (Jpn) (Pa)     | 26    | 11      | 36     | 3       | 4         | You Tell Me (\$32,154)        | 81,730      | 27                 | 7,430           | 0                 |



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Maryland-bred

I'M BETTY G

Lady Canterbury Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up.

Canterbury Park, June 23.

|                         |                  |                    |                             |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | Harlan's Holiday | Harlan             | Storm Cat                   |
|                         |                  | Christmas in Aiken | Country Romance             |
|                         | Into Mischief    |                    | Affirmed                    |
|                         |                  | Tricky Creek       | Dowager                     |
|                         | Leslie's Lady    |                    | Clever Trick                |
|                         |                  | Crystal Lady       | Battle Creek Girl           |
|                         |                  |                    | Stop the Music              |
|                         |                  |                    | One Last Bird               |
| I'm Betty G, b.f., 2014 |                  | Relaunch           | In Reality                  |
|                         | Honour and Glory |                    | Foggy Note                  |
|                         |                  | Fair to All        | Al Nasr (Fr)                |
|                         | Lady in Ermine   |                    | Gonfalon                    |
|                         |                  | Polish Numbers     | Danzig                      |
|                         | Lucky Lady Sarah |                    | Numbered Account            |
|                         |                  | Commonsensical     | Bates Motel                 |
|                         |                  |                    | Colacka                     |
|                         | starts           | 1st                | 2nd                         |
| 16                      | 2                | 0                  | 0                           |
| 17 (sw)                 | 8                | 2 (1)              | 1 (1)                       |
| 18 (sw)                 | 4                | 2 (1)              | 0                           |
|                         | 14               | 4 (2)              | 1 (1)                       |
|                         |                  |                    | 3rd                         |
|                         |                  |                    | 5 (5)                       |
|                         |                  |                    | earnings                    |
|                         |                  |                    | \$ 840                      |
|                         |                  |                    | 144,625                     |
|                         |                  |                    | 125,000                     |
|                         |                  |                    | \$270,465 (through June 23) |

2017: 1st \$75,000 Pearl Necklace S, 1½ mi., turf, registered Md.-bred or sired 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, July 15; 2nd Indiana Grand S; 3rd Commonwealth Oaks-G3, Valley View S-G3, Tropical Park Oaks. 2018: 1st \$100,000 Lady Canterbury S, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Canterbury, June 23; 3rd South Beach S, Albert M. Stall Memorial S.

Bred by Carol Kaye & Boyce Stable (Md.); owned by Three Diamonds Farm; trained by Michael J. Maker.

Sire: INTO MISCHIEF, b., 05, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: LADY IN ERMINE, dk.b./br., 05, bred by Kaygar Stables and Boyce Stable (Md.). Raced 3 years, 26 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, \$64,414.

12 Barren.

13 Cowboys Lucky Lady, dk.b./br.f. by Cowboy Cal. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$2,737. (FTM Sept 14—\$5,000)

14 I'M BETTY G, b.f. by Into Mischief. (FTM Oct 15—\$27,000; FTM May 16—\$150,000)

15 Thundertaker, dk.b./br.g. by Line of David. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$900. (FTM Oct 16—\$5,000)

16 Laurel Lady, dk.b./br.f. by Bellamy Road.

OUR BRAINTRUST

Tremont Stakes

\$150,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., 2-year-olds. Belmont Park, June 8.

|                                   |                |              |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                   | Storm Cat      | Storm Bird   | Northern Dancer            |
|                                   |                | Terlingua    | South Ocean                |
| Freud                             |                |              | Secretariat                |
|                                   |                | Rahy         | Crimson Saint              |
|                                   | Mariah's Storm |              | Blushing Groom (Fr)        |
|                                   |                | Immense      | Glorious Song              |
|                                   |                |              | Roberto                    |
| Our Braintrust, dk.b./br.c., 2016 |                |              | Imdsdear                   |
|                                   |                | Montbrook    | Buckaroo                   |
|                                   | Trust N Luck   |              | Secret Papers              |
|                                   |                | Bold Burst   | Dahar                      |
|                                   | Caller Trust   |              | Bold Brat                  |
|                                   |                | Caller I. D. | Phone Trick                |
|                                   |                |              | Plagiarizing               |
|                                   | Call Your Beau |              | *Cougar II                 |
|                                   |                | Beau Cougar  | Miss Beaufort              |
|                                   | starts         | 1st          | 2nd                        |
| 18 (sw)                           | 2              | 2 (1)        | 0                          |
|                                   |                |              | 3rd                        |
|                                   |                |              | 0                          |
|                                   |                |              | earnings                   |
|                                   |                |              | \$116,640 (through June 8) |

2018: 1st \$150,000 Tremont S, 5½ fur., 2-year-olds. Belmont, June 8.

Bred by Barak Farm (Md.); owned by Cathal A. Lynch and Stanton J. Smith Jr.; trained by Cathal A. Lynch.  
Sire: **FREUD**, b., 98, stands at Sequel Stallions New York, Hudson, N.Y.  
Dam: CALLER TRUST, b., 05, bred by Bradley Purcell and Charles Parker (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$51,386.  
11 Late Caller, dk.b./br.g. by Stroll. Raced 6 years, 50 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 7, \$145,285.  
12 B Dog Stroll, dk.b./br.c. by Stroll. Unraced.  
13 Callhimfirst, dk.b./br.g. by Stroll. Raced 3 years, 27 starts, 3 to 5, 0 wins, \$9,803.  
14 Barren.  
15 Phone Funky Munky, b.g. by Data Link. Raced 2 years, 3 starts, 1 win at 2, \$53,050. (Kee Nov 15—\$35,000; FTM Aug 16—\$35,000)  
16 **OUR BRAINTRUST**, dk.b./br.c. by Freud. (FTM Oct 17—\$25,000)  
17 dk.b./br.f. by Super Ninety Nine.

PEACH OF A GAL

Christiana Stakes

\$50,000-guaranteed, abt. 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies. Delaware Park, June 20.

|                            |                   |                  |                            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|                            | Smart Strike      | Mr. Prospector   | Raise a Native             |
|                            |                   | Classy 'n Smart  | Gold Digger                |
|                            | Curlin            |                  | Smarten                    |
|                            |                   | Deputy Minister  | No Class                   |
|                            | Sherriff's Deputy |                  | Vice Regent                |
|                            |                   | Barbarika        | Mint Copy                  |
|                            |                   |                  | Bates Motel                |
| Peach of a Gal, b.f., 2015 |                   |                  | War Exchange               |
|                            | Polish Numbers    | Danzig           | Northern Dancer            |
|                            |                   | Numbered Account | Pas de Nom                 |
|                            |                   |                  | Buckpasser                 |
| Richetta                   |                   |                  | Intriguing                 |
|                            |                   | Rahy             | Blushing Groom (Fr)        |
|                            | Riscay            |                  | Glorious Song              |
|                            |                   | Sea Basque       | Seattle Slew               |
|                            |                   |                  | La Basque                  |
|                            | starts            | 1st              | 2nd                        |
| 17                         | 3                 | 1                | 0                          |
| 18 (sw)                    | 5                 | 2 (1)            | 1                          |
|                            | 8                 | 3 (1)            | 1                          |
|                            |                   |                  | 3rd                        |
|                            |                   |                  | 1 (1)                      |
|                            |                   |                  | earnings                   |
|                            |                   |                  | \$11,600                   |
|                            |                   |                  | 64,150                     |
|                            |                   |                  | \$75,750 (through June 20) |

2018: 1st \$50,000 Christiana S, abt. 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Delaware, June 20; 3rd Hilltop S.

Bred and owned by Glenangus Farm LLC (Md.); trained by H. Graham Motion.

Sire: **CURLIN**, ch., 04, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **RICETTA**, b., 01, bred by Elk Manor Farm (Md.). Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$296,848, Selima S, Maryland Million Lassie S, Heavenly Cause S, Twin Lights S, 2nd Honey Bee S, Nellie Morse S, Twixt S, 3rd Susan's Girl Breeders' Cup S, Maryland Million Oaks, Con-niver S, Humphrey S. Finney S. (FTM Sept 02—\$22,000; FTM May 03—\$100,000)

07 True Success, b.c. by Yes It's True. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 4 wins at 3, \$78,916.

08 **CONCEALED IDENTITY**, b.g. by Smarty Jones. Raced 7 years, 54 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$461,140, John B. Campbell H, Find H, Federico Tesio S, Maryland Juvenile Championship S, 2nd Pegasus S-G3, Maryland Million Classic S, 3rd Jennings H three times, John B. Campbell H, Henry S. Clark S. (FTM Oct 09—\$16,000)

09 Rich Love, dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, \$28,110. (FTM Oct 10—\$6,000)

10 Fully Engaged, dk.b./br.g. by Dynaformer. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 4, 0 wins, \$2,300. (FTK Nov 10—\$40,000; Kee Sept 11—\$100,000)

11 For Riches, dk.b./br.c. by Not For Love. Unraced. (FTM Oct 12—\$60,000)

12 For the Gold, b.g. by Fairbanks. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 5, 0 wins, \$125.

13 Barren.

14 **Cu Rahy**, b.c. by Curlin. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$97,386, 3rd Clever Trevor S, Kip Deville S. (FTK July 15—\$120,000)

15 **PEACH OF A GAL**, b.f. by Curlin.

16 Dynastic, b.c. by Broken Vow. Unraced.

17 b.f. by Imagining.

18 f. by Smarty Jones.

STILL HAVING FUN

Woody Stephens Stakes-G2

\$400,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 3-year-olds. Belmont Park, June 9.



## Stakes winners

|                                      |               |                   |                 |                   |                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                      |               |                   | Unbridled       | Fappiano          |                 |
|                                      |               | Unbridled's Song  |                 | Gana Facil        |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Trolley Song    | Caro (Ire)        |                 |
|                                      | Old Fashioned |                   |                 | Lucky Spell       |                 |
|                                      |               | Collect Call      | Meadowlake      | Hold Your Peace   |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Negative Pledge | Suspicious Native |                 |
| <b>Still Having Fun</b> , b.c., 2015 |               |                   |                 | Alleged           |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Deputy Minister | Laredo Lass       |                 |
|                                      | Dehere        |                   |                 | Vice Regent       |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Sister Dot      | Mint Copy         |                 |
|                                      | Casual Kiss   |                   |                 | Secretariat       |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Numerous        | Sword Game        |                 |
|                                      |               | Bushel and a Peck |                 | Mr. Prospector    |                 |
|                                      |               |                   | Foolish Kisses  | Number            |                 |
|                                      |               |                   |                 | Cannonade         |                 |
|                                      |               |                   |                 | Ceylon Burgoo     |                 |
|                                      | starts        | 1st               | 2nd             | 3rd               | earnings        |
| 17                                   | 2             | 1                 | 1 (1)           | 0                 | \$ 44,453       |
| 18 (sw)                              | 6             | 3 (3)             | 1 (1)           | 0                 | 387,250         |
|                                      | 8             | 4 (3)             | 2 (2)           | 0                 | \$431,703 (thru |

**2017:** 2nd **Maryland Juvenile Futurity**, **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Frank Whiteley Jr. S**, 7 fur., 3-year-olds, Laurel, Jan. 27; \$100,000 **Miracle Wood S**, 1 mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, Feb. 17; \$400,000 **Woody Stephens S-G2**, 7 fur., 3-year-olds, Belmont, June 9; 2nd **Chick Lang S**.

Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes and Tim Keefe (Md.); owned by Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable and Terp Racing LLC; trained by Timothy L. Keefe.

Sire: **OLD FASHIONED**, gr./ro., 06, stands in South Korea.

Dam: CASUAL KISS, b., 08, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.). Unraced. (FTM Oct 09—\$20,000)

14 Honey Bun, dk.b./br.f. by Scipion. Raced 3 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, \$33,366.

15 **STILL HAVING FUN**, b.c. by Old Fashioned. (FTM Oct 16—\$12,000)

16 Stranger Danger, dk.b./br.c. by Buffum. Unraced. (FTM Oct 17—\$7,000)

17 Yourbarnormine, b.c. by Jump Start.

18 f. by Golden Lad.

## New Jersey-bred

### CHUBLICIOUS

#### Mr. Prospector Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Monmouth Park, June 17.

|                         |                |                  |                     |   |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Chublicious, b.g., 2011 | Carson City    | Mr. Prospector   | Raise a Native      |   |                      |
|                         | Hey Chub       | Blushing Promise | Gold Digger         |   |                      |
|                         | Donna Doo      | Spend a Buck     | Blushing Groom (Fr) |   |                      |
|                         |                | Nasty Affair     | Summertime Promise  |   |                      |
|                         | Arch           | Kris S.          | Buckaroo            |   |                      |
|                         | Sassy Broad    | Aurora           | Belle de Jour       |   |                      |
|                         | Sugaree        | Broad Brush      | Nasty and Bold      |   |                      |
|                         |                | Lilya's for Real | L'Affaire           |   |                      |
|                         |                |                  | Roberto             |   |                      |
|                         |                |                  | Sharp Queen         |   |                      |
| 13                      | starts unraced |                  |                     |   |                      |
| 14                      | 6              | 3                | 1                   | 1 | \$ 88,136            |
| 15                      | 6              | 2                | 1                   | 1 | 80,644               |
| 16 (sw)                 | 6              | 3 (3)            | 0                   | 0 | 149,414              |
| 17 (sw)                 | 6              | 2 (2)            | 3 (3)               | 0 | 230,560              |
| 18 (sw)                 | 3              | 1 (1)            | 2 (2)               | 0 | 72,000               |
|                         | 27             | 11 (6)           | 7 (5)               | 2 | \$620,754 (through J |

**2016:** 1st \$60,000 **John J. Reilly H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 28; \$75,000 **Mr. Prospector S** (plus \$18,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 6 fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, June 26; \$60,000 **New Jersey Breeders H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 28. **2017:** 1st \$60,000 **John J. Reilly H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, July 30; \$250,000 **Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S-G3**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 16; 2nd **Fire Plug S**, Thanksgiving H, Charles Hesse III H. **2018:** 1st \$75,000 **Mr. Prospector S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, June 17; 2nd **Duncan F. Kenner S**, **John J. Reilly H**.

Bred by Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.); owned by Brittlyn Stable Inc.; trained by David A. Cannizzo.

Sire: **HEY CHUB**, b., 00, stands at Joe-Dan Farm, Medford, N.J.

Dam: **SASSY BROAD**, b., 01, bred by Nursery Place and Partners (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$9,080. (Kee Sept 02—\$100,000; FTK Feb 09—\$12,000 in foal to Lion Heart)

07 Zipstress, b.f. by City Zip. Raced 5 years, 26 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 5, \$36,835.

08 Shimmy Tinjo, b.g. by Langfuhr. Raced 8 years, 49 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 9, \$182,359.

09 Takin the Plunge, b.f. by Lion Heart. Unraced. Producer.

10 Slipped.

11 **CHUBLICIOUS**, b.g. by Hey Chub.

- 12 **BROTHER CHUB**, dk.b./br.g. by Hey Chub. Raced 4 years, 41 starts, 11 wins, 3 to 6, \$349,301, John J. Reilly H.
- 13 Chub Scout, b.g. by Hey Chub. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$75,800.
- 14 Sassy Chub, b.f. by Hey Chub. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$9,000.
- 16 Double Chubble, b.g. by Hey Chub. Unraced. (FTM Oct 17—\$9,500)
- 17 Barren.
- 18 f. by Hey Chub.

### IRISH STRAIT

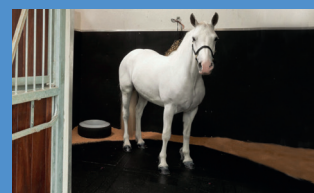
#### Dan Horn Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf, registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up. Monmouth Park, June 17.

|                           |                 |                  |                         |       |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Irish Strait, ch.g., 2012 | Smart Strike    | Mr. Prospector   | Raise a Native          |       |                             |
|                           | English Channel | Classy 'n Smart  | Gold Digger             |       |                             |
|                           | Belva           | Theatrical (Ire) | Smarten                 |       |                             |
|                           |                 | Committed        | No Class                |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Nureyev                 |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Tree of Knowledge (Ire) |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Hagley                  |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Minstinguette           |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Northern Dancer         |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Pas de Nom              |       |                             |
| Irish Sovereign           | Polish Numbers  | Numbered Account | Buckpasser              |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Intriguing              |       |                             |
| Irish Genius              |                 | Beau Genius      | Bold Ruckus             |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | Royal Colleen           |       |                             |
|                           |                 | Irish Trip (GB)  | Saint Crespin III       |       |                             |
|                           |                 |                  | *Tabebuia II            |       |                             |
|                           | starts          | 1st              | 2nd                     | 3rd   | earnings                    |
| 14                        | 2               | 1                | 0                       | 0     | \$ 20,400                   |
| 15                        | 7               | 1                | 0                       | 2     | 47,360                      |
| 16                        | 4               | 2                | 0                       | 1     | 86,458                      |
| 17 (sw)                   | 6               | 1 (1)            | 1 (1)                   | 2 (1) | 131,620                     |
| 18 (sw)                   | 2               | 1 (1)            | 1 (1)                   | 0     | 51,000                      |
|                           | 21              | 6 (2)            | 2 (2)                   | 5 (1) | \$336,838 (through June 17) |



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**2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Red Bank S-G3**, 1 mi., turf, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 27; 2nd **Monmouth S-G2**; 3rd **Tampa Bay S-G3**. **2018:** 1st \$60,000 **Dan Horn H**, 1½ mi., turf, registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, June 17; 2nd **Cliff Hanger S**.  
Bred and owned by Isabelle de Tomaso (N.J.); trained by H. Graham Motion.  
Sire: **ENGLISH CHANNEL**, ch., 02, stands at Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky.  
Dam: **IRISH SOVEREIGN**, ch., 00, bred by Isabelle de Tomaso (N.J.). Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$109,014.  
07 Barren.  
08 Irish Windsong, b.g. by Oratory. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$36,000.  
09 Barren.  
10 **Irish Politics**, b.g. by Political Force. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 2, \$47,250, 3rd Jersey Juvenile S.  
11 Irish Score, ch.f. by Even the Score. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$110,090.  
12 **IRISH STRAIT**, ch.g. by English Channel.  
13 Irish Defence, dk.b./br.f. by First Defence. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$122,100.  
14 **IRISH WAR CRY**, ch.c. by Curlin. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,257,060, Wood Memorial S-G2, Holy Bull S-G2, Pimlico Special S-G3, Marylander S, 2nd Belmont S-G1, Hal's Hope S-G3.  
15 Barren.  
16 Lucky Irish, b.f. by Lookin At Lucky. Unraced.  
17 Irish Charmer, gr./ro.f. by Graydar.  
18 f. by Exaggerator.

OAK BLUFFS

Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Stakes

\$200,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up. Penn National, June 2.

|                        |                 |        |       |                |                            |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                        |                 |        |       | Vice Regent    | Northern Dancer            |
|                        | Deputy Minister |        |       | Mint Copy      | Victoria Regina            |
|                        | Defrere         |        |       | Secretariat    | Bunty's Flight             |
|                        | Sister Dot      |        |       | Sword Game     | Shakney                    |
| Oak Bluffs, b.g., 2010 |                 |        |       | Citidancer     | Somethingroyal             |
|                        | Disco Rico      |        |       | Round It Off   | Damascus                   |
|                        | Disco Shaker    |        |       | High Gold      | Bill and I                 |
|                        | Golden Skirt    |        |       | Sizzling Skirt | Dixieland Band             |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Willamae                   |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Apalachee                  |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Capp It Off                |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Mr. Prospector             |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Irish Whirl                |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Tentam                     |
|                        |                 |        |       |                | Pleasure Palace            |
|                        | starts          | 1st    | 2nd   | 3rd            | earnings                   |
| 12                     | unraced         |        |       |                |                            |
| 13                     | 3               | 1      | 0     | 1              | \$ 16,835                  |
| 14                     | 7               | 2      | 1     | 0              | 34,113                     |
| 15 (sw)                | 13              | 7 (1)  | 2     | 1              | 196,808                    |
| 16                     | 7               | 3      | 2     | 1 (1)          | 58,650                     |
| 17                     | 8               | 1      | 2 (1) | 1 (1)          | 81,100                     |
| 18 (sw)                | 4               | 2 (1)  | 1 (1) | 1 (1)          | 159,100                    |
|                        | 42              | 16 (2) | 8 (2) | 5 (3)          | \$546,606 (through June 2) |

**2015:** 1st \$60,000 **My Frenchman S** (plus \$13,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 8. **2016:** 3rd **Dan Horn H**. **2017:** 2nd **Claiming Crown Canterbury S**; 3rd **Pennsylvania Governor's Cup S**. **2018:** 1st \$200,000 **Pennsylvania Governor's Cup S**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Penn National, June 2; 2nd **Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S**; 3rd **Jim McKay Turf Sprint S**.  
Bred by Patricia Generazio (N.J.); owned by Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc.; trained by Mary E. Eppler.  
Sire: **DEFERRE**, dk.b./br., 92 (deceased).  
Dam: **DISCO SHAKER**, dk.b./br., 03, bred by Dianne Boyken and Amy Bondon-Petz (N.J.). Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$134,255.  
10 **OAK BLUFFS**, b.g. by Defrere.  
11 Jackie's Disco, dk.b./br.f. by Mo Mon. Raced 4 years, 19 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 5, \$76,420.  
12 **BUSTIN OUT**, dk.b./br.f. by Bustin Stones. Raced 4 years, 19 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$354,132, Eleven North H twice, 2nd Regret S, Open Mind H, 3rd Pumpkin Pie S, Regret S.  
13 Lucy Tornado, dk.b./br.f. by Iron Deputy. Unraced.  
14-15 Barren.  
16 b.f. by Bustin Stones.  
17 ch.c. by Bustin Stones.  
18 f. by Bustin Stones.

Pennsylvania-bred

BRONX BEAUTY

New Start Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old fillies. Penn National, June 2.

|                               |                  |       |     |                    |                            |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|
|                               |                  |       |     | In Excess (Ire)    | Siberian Express           |
|                               | Indian Charlie   |       |     | Soviet Sojourn     | Kantado                    |
|                               | Liaison          |       |     | Victory Gallop     | Leo Castelli               |
|                               | Galloping Gal    |       |     | Indy Flash         | Political Parfait          |
| Bronx Beauty, gr./ro.f., 2015 |                  |       |     | Unbridled's Song   | Cryptoclearance            |
|                               | Rockport Harbor  |       |     | Regal Miss Copelan | Victorious Lil             |
|                               | Forever Sunshine |       |     | Miswaki            | A.P. Indy                  |
|                               | In Her Glory     |       |     | Forever Waving     | Mirror Bright              |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Unbridled Trolley Song     |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Copelan                    |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Regal Pennant              |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Mr. Prospector             |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Hopespringseternal         |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Hoist the Flag             |
|                               |                  |       |     |                    | Quillesian                 |
|                               | starts           | 1st   | 2nd | 3rd                | earnings                   |
| 17 (sw)                       | 4                | 3 (2) | 0   | 0                  | \$120,720                  |
| 18 (sw)                       | 1                | 1 (1) | 0   | 0                  | 60,000                     |
|                               | 5                | 4 (3) | 0   | 0                  | \$180,720 (through June 2) |

**2017:** 1st \$60,000 **Colleen S**, 5½ fur. (off turf), 2-year-old fillies, Monmouth, Aug. 5; \$100,000 **Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Penn National, Nov. 22. **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **New Start S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Penn National, June 2.

Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC (Pa.); owned by Two W Stable; trained by Anthony R. Margotta Jr.  
Sire: **LIAISON**, b., 09, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.  
Dam: **FOREVER SUNSHINE**, gr./ro., 09, bred by Liberation Farm and Brandywine Farm (Ky.). Unraced.  
(Kee Nov 12—\$6,000 in foal to Majestic Warrior; Kee Nov 16—\$40,000 in foal to Twirling Candy; Kee Nov 17—\$100,000 in foal to Bayern)  
12 Can'thandletheheat, dk.b./br.c. by Latent Heat. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$0. (Kee Nov 12—\$1,000; OBS Aug 13—\$14,000; OBS June 14—\$13,000)  
13 Rock the Sun, gr./ro.f. by Majestic Warrior. Unraced.  
14 Shining Armada, b.f. by Afleet Alex. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 4, \$42,950. (FTK Oct 15—\$60,000)  
15 **BRONX BEAUTY**, gr./ro.f. by Liaison.  
16 My Only Sunshine, gr./ro.g. by Liaison. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$500. (FTM Oct 17—\$42,000)  
17 Moneyformyhoney, gr./ro.f. by Twirling Candy.  
18 c. by Bayern.

IMPLY

Lyphard Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1¼ mi., turf, registered Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Penn National, June 2.

|                    |                |       |       |                   |                            |
|--------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                    |                |       |       | Raise a Native    | Native Dancer              |
|                    | Mr. Prospector |       |       | Gold Digger       | Raise You                  |
|                    | E Dubai        |       |       | Lord At War (Arg) | Nashua                     |
|                    | Words of War   |       |       | Right Word        | Sequence                   |
| Imply, ch.m., 2013 |                |       |       | Mt. Livermore     | General (Fr)               |
|                    | Orientate      |       |       | Dream Team        | Luna de Miel               |
|                    | Allude         |       |       | Bet Big           | Verbatim                   |
|                    | Ed's Holy Cow  |       |       | Sharon Brown      | Oratorio                   |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Blushing Groom (Fr)        |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Flama Ardiente             |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Cox's Ridge                |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Likely Double              |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Distinctive                |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Majestic Hostess           |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Al Hattab                  |
|                    |                |       |       |                   | Agathe's Dawn              |
|                    | starts         | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd               | earnings                   |
| 15 (sw)            | 4              | 2 (1) | 1     | 0                 | \$102,690                  |
| 16                 | 7              | 3     | 1     | 1                 | 85,238                     |
| 17 (sw)            | 6              | 1 (1) | 3 (3) | 0                 | 143,250                    |
| 18 (sw)            | 2              | 1 (1) | 0     | 0                 | 77,820                     |
|                    | 19             | 7 (3) | 5 (3) | 1                 | \$408,998 (through June 2) |

**2015:** 1st \$75,000 **Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Presque Isle, Sept. 20. **2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Northern Fling S**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Presque Isle, July 9; 2nd **Lyphard S**, **Mrs. Penny S**, **H.B.P.A. S**. **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Lyphard S**, 1¼ mi., turf, registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Penn National, June 2.

Bred and owned by Barlar LLC (Pa.); trained by T. Bernard Houghton.  
Sire: **E DUBAI**, b., 98, stands at Haras Los Lirios, Mercedes, Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
Dam: **Allude**, ch., 04, bred by Liberation Farm, Oratis Thoroughbreds and Trackside Farm (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$88,219, 2nd Weekend Surprise S, Beautiful Day S. (Kee Sept 05—\$65,000; Bar March 06—\$150,000; Kee Nov 08—\$47,000 in foal to Rockport Harbor; Kee Nov 11—\$17,000 in foal to Divine Park; Kee Nov 14—\$100,000 in foal to Shackleford)  
09 Gallant Grey, gr./ro.g. by Rockport Harbor. Raced 1 year, 6 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$3,576. (Kee Sept 10—\$27,000)



- 10 **DANCINGINTHECIRCLE**, ch.f. by Divine Park. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$121,240, By the Light S, 3rd Arlington-Washington Lassie S-G3. (FTK Oct 13—\$75,000; Kee Nov 14—\$125,000)
- 12 Refer, b.c. by Divine Park. Raced 4 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, \$140,490. (OBS April 14—\$70,000)
- 13 **IMPLY**, ch.f. by E Dubai.
- 14 **ADVERT**, dk.b./br.f. by Lonhro (Aus). Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$205,450, Malvern Rose S, 3rd Lyphard S.
- 15 Friend Zone, ch.g. by Shackelford. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$1,040. (Kee Sept 16—\$47,000)
- 16 Liberty's Pursuit, ch.c. by Curlin. Unraced. (Kee Sept 17—\$850,000)
- 17 b.f. by Into Mischief.
- 18 f. by Will Take Charge.

## PRINCE LUCKY

### Easy Goer Stakes

\$150,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., 3-year-olds. Belmont Park, June 9.

|                                  | Pulpit | A.P. Indy        | Seattle Slew       | Weekend Surprise | Mr. Prospector             |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Corinthian                       |        | Preach           | Narrate            | Alydar           | Relaxing                   |
| Multiplay                        |        | Easy Goer        | Spectacular Bid    | Number           | Gone West                  |
| <b>Prince Lucky</b> , b.g., 2015 |        | Add              | Touch of Greatness | Dayjur           | Water Lily (Fr)            |
| Great Notion                     |        | Elusive Quality  | Hoist the Flag     | Politely         | Vice Regent                |
| Lucky Notion                     |        | Evening Primrose | Loot               |                  |                            |
| Riot Luck                        |        | Patriotically    |                    |                  |                            |
|                                  |        | Lucky Loot       |                    |                  |                            |
|                                  | starts | 1st              | 2nd                | 3rd              | earnings                   |
| 17 (sw)                          | 4      | 3 (1)            | 0                  | 1 (1)            | \$132,690                  |
| 18 (sw)                          | 4      | 1 (1)            | 0                  | 1 (1)            | 99,000                     |
|                                  | 8      | 4 (2)            | 0                  | 2 (2)            | \$231,690 (through June 9) |

**2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-olds, Parx, Dec. 2; 3rd **First State Dash S. 2018:** 1st \$150,000 **Easy Goer S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., 3-year-olds, Belmont, June 9; 3rd **Sir Barton S**.

Bred by Daniel W. McConnell Sr. (Pa.); owned by Daniel McConnell; trained by Todd A. Pletcher. Sire: **CORINTHIAN**, ch., 03, stands at Evicmen Harasi, Kemalapa, Turkey.

Dam: **LUCKY NOTION**, b., 06, bred by Equivine, McConnell and Vosters (Pa.). Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 5 wins at 4 and 5, \$117,464.

- 13 O Aubrey, dk.b./br.f. by Rimrod. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$55,720.
- 14 Saint Main Event, b.f. by Redeemed. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$157,339.
- 15 **PRINCE LUCKY**, b.g. by Corinthian.
- 16 Barren.
- 17 Lucky Olivia Rose, b.f. by El Padrino.
- 18 f. by Uncle Lino.

## SMOOTH B

### Danzig Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-olds. Penn National, June 2.

|                              | Safely's Mark | Danzig           | Northern Dancer | Pas de Nom      | Horatius                   |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Weigelia                     |               | Safely Kept      | Safely Home     | Northern Dancer | Truly Bound                |
| Turning North                |               | Obligato         | Best Turn       | Palace Gate     | Dixieland Band             |
| <b>Smooth B</b> , b.c., 2015 |               | Best Turn's Girl | Willamae        | Apalachee       | Capp It Off                |
| Disco Rico                   |               | Citidancer       | Cannonade       | Cold Hearted    | Spend a Buck               |
| Katarica Disco               |               | Round It Off     | Kattebuck       |                 |                            |
| Legal Kat                    |               | Caveat           |                 |                 |                            |
|                              | starts        | 1st              | 2nd             | 3rd             | earnings                   |
| 17                           | 7             | 2                | 1               | 0               | \$ 91,720                  |
| 18 (sw)                      | 4             | 2 (1)            | 0               | 0               | 100,900                    |
|                              | 11            | 4 (1)            | 1               | 0               | \$192,620 (through June 2) |

**2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Danzig S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-olds, Penn National, June 2.

Bred by St. Omers Farm and Wynoaks Farm LLC (Pa.); owned by LC Racing LLC; trained by Robert E. Reid Jr.

Sire: **WEIGELIA**, b., 01, stands at WynOaks Farm, Delta, Pa.

Dam: **KATARICA DISCO**, b., 04, bred by Stephen E. Quick (Md.). Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$26,940.

09 Cryptic Kate, dk.b./br.f. Crypto Star. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 3 wins at 2, 4 and 7, \$95,714. (FTM Oct 10—\$1,500)

10 Pink Princess, b.f. by Weigelia. Raced 6 years, 56 starts, 16 wins, 3 to 8, \$538,290.

11 **FAT KAT**, b.f. by Weigelia. Raced 4 years, 29 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 6, \$423,318, Power by Far S, 2nd Jostle S, Power by Far S, 3rd Foxy J. G. S. (FTM Oct 12—\$1,500; FTM May 13—\$50,000)

12 Mischief Music, b.f. by Weigelia. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$50,415.

13 **Disco Rose**, b.f. by Weigelia. Raced 4 years, 32 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$416,030, 2nd Princess of Sylmar S, 3rd Demoiselle S-G2, Mrs. Penny S. (FTM Sept 14—\$25,000)

14 Barren.

15 **SMOOTH B**, b.c. by Weigelia.

16 One Fat Kat, b.f. by Weigelia. Unraced. (FTM Oct 17—\$3,000)

17 b.f. by Weigelia.

## SPRING QUALITY

### Manhattan Stakes-G1

\$1,000,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  mi., turf, 4 & up. Belmont Park, June 9.

|                            |                 |       |                    |                       |                            |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Spring Quality, b.g., 2012 | Elusive Quality |       | Gone West          |                       | Mr. Prospector             |
|                            | Quality Road    |       | Touch of Greatness |                       | Secrettame                 |
|                            |                 |       |                    | Strawberry Road (Aus) |                            |
|                            | Kobla           |       | Winglet            |                       | Ivory Wand                 |
|                            |                 |       | Vice Regent        |                       | Whiskey Road               |
|                            | Deputy Minister |       | Mint Copy          |                       | Giftisa (NZ)               |
|                            | Spring Star     |       | Val de l'Orne (Fr) |                       | Alydar                     |
|                            | Alice Springs   |       | First Approach     |                       | Highest Trump              |
|                            | starts          | 1st   | 2nd                | 3rd                   | earnings                   |
| 14                         | 1               | 1     | 0                  | 0                     | \$ 29,040                  |
| 15                         | unraced         |       |                    |                       |                            |
| 16                         | 1               | 1     | 0                  | 0                     | 14,250                     |
| 17 (sw)                    | 7               | 3 (2) | 2 (1)              | 0                     | 252,507                    |
| 18 (sw)                    | 2               | 1 (1) | 1 (1)              | 0                     | 565,000                    |
|                            | 11              | 6 (3) | 3 (2)              | 0                     | \$860,797 (through June 9) |

**2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Robellino S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi. (off turf), registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 5; \$200,000 **Red Smith H-G3**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf, 3 & up, Aqueduct, Nov. 11; 2nd **Roanoke S**.

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## Stakes winners

**2018:** 1st \$1,000,000 **Manhattan S-G1**, 1¼ mi., turf, 4 & up, Belmont, June 9; 2nd **Fort Marcy S-G3**.

Bred by George Strawbridge Jr. (Pa.); owned by Augustin Stable; trained by H. Graham Motion. Sire: **QUALITY ROAD**, b., 06, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **SPRING STAR**, ch., 01, bred by George Strawbridge Jr. (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 5, 0 wins, \$1,860. (Kee Nov 13—\$45,000)

07 **Vamos a Ver**, ch.g. by Smart Strike. Raced 4 years, 11 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$101,831.

09 **What'smineismine**, ch.f. by Mineshaft. Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$250,035. (FTM Oct 10—\$47,000)

10 **HOLIDAY STAR**, b.g. by Harlan's Holiday. Raced 5 years, 23 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 5, \$345,569, Sycamore S-G3 twice, Cape Henlopen S, 2nd PTHA President's Cup S, John's Call S twice, 3rd Red Smith H-G3, Cape Henlopen S.

11 **Spring Vow**, b.f. by Broken Vow. Unraced.

12 **SPRING QUALITY**, b.g. by Quality Road.

13 **Schon**, b.f. by Harlan's Holiday. Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 2 to 4, 0 wins, \$41,067.

14 **Barren**.

### UNIQUE BELLA

#### Beholder Mile Stakes-G1

\$400,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Santa Anita, June 2.

|                                       |                  |               |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
|                                       | Pulpit           | A.P. Indy     | Seattle Slew     |
|                                       |                  | Preach        | Weekend Surprise |
|                                       | Tapit            |               | Mr. Prospector   |
|                                       |                  | Unbridled     | Narrate          |
|                                       | Tap Your Heels   |               | Fappiano         |
|                                       |                  | Ruby Slippers | Gana Facil       |
| <b>Unique Bella</b> , gr./ro.f., 2014 |                  |               | Nijinsky II      |
|                                       |                  |               | Moon Glitter     |
|                                       | Unbridled's Song | Unbridled     | Fappiano         |
|                                       |                  |               | Gana Facil       |
|                                       | Unrivalled Belle | Trolley Song  | Caro (Ire)       |
|                                       |                  |               | Lucky Spell      |
|                                       | Queenie Belle    | Bertrando     | Skywalker        |
|                                       |                  |               | Gentle Hands     |
|                                       |                  | Lady Argyle   | Don B.           |
|                                       |                  |               | Fleet Polly      |

|         | starts | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd | earnings                     |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|-----|------------------------------|
| 16      | 2      | 1     | 1     | 0   | \$ 42,400                    |
| 17 (sw) | 6      | 5 (5) | 0     | 0   | 550,000                      |
| 18 (sw) | 3      | 2 (2) | 1 (1) | 0   | 500,000                      |
|         | 11     | 8 (7) | 2 (1) | 0   | \$1,092,400 (through June 2) |

**2017: Champion female sprinter.** 1st \$200,000 **Santa Ynez S-G2**, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, Jan. 8; \$200,000 **Las Virgenes S-G2**, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, Feb. 5; \$100,000 **Santa Ysabel S-G3**, 1¼ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, March 4; \$100,000 **L.A. Woman S-G3**, 6¼ fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Santa Anita, Oct. 8; \$300,000 **La Brea S-G1**, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, Dec. 26. **2018:** 1st \$200,000 **Santa Maria S-G2**, 1¼ mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Santa Anita, Feb. 10; \$400,000 **Beholder Mile S-G1**, 1 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Santa Anita, June 2; 2nd **Apple Blossom H-G1**.

Bred by Brushwood Stable (Pa.); owned by Don Alberto Stable; trained by Jerry Hollendorfer. Sire: **TAPIT**, gr./ro., 01, stands at Gainesway, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **UNRIVALED BELLE**, gr./ro., 06, bred by Gary Seidler and Peter Vegso (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$1,854,706, Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic S-G1, La Troienne S-G2, Rampart S-G3, Real Prize S, 2nd Beldame S-G1, Gazelle S-G1, Ruffian Invitational H-G1, Ogden Phipps H-G1, La Troienne S-G2, 3rd Rampart S-G3. (Kee Sept 07—\$260,000; Kee Nov 11—\$2,800,000; Kee Nov 16—\$3,800,000 in foal to Tapit)

13 **Meseika**, gr./ro.f. by Medaglia d'Oro. Unraced. (Kee Sept 14—\$320,000)

14 **UNIQUE BELLA**, gr./ro.f. by Tapit. (Kee Sept 15—\$400,000)

15 **Relicario**, ch.f. by Malibu Moon. In Japan, raced 2 years, 7 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$6,608. (Kee Sept 16—\$550,000)

16 **Barren**.

17 **Unrivalled Princess**, ch.f. by Tapit.

18 c. by Tapit.

## Virginia-bred

### ALTAMURA

#### M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., turf, registered Virginia-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, June 23.

|                      |            |                 |                    |                  |                            |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Altamura, b.f., 2015 |            | El Prado (Ire)  | Sadler's Wells     | Northern Dancer  |                            |
|                      |            |                 |                    | Fairy Bridge     |                            |
|                      |            | Artie Schiller  | Lady Capulet       | Sir Ivor         |                            |
|                      |            |                 |                    | Cap and Bells    |                            |
|                      |            | Hidden Light    | Majestic Light     | Majestic Prince  |                            |
|                      |            |                 |                    | Irradiate        |                            |
|                      |            |                 | Tallahto           | Nantallah        |                            |
|                      |            |                 |                    | Legato           |                            |
|                      |            |                 | A.P. Indy          | Seattle Slew     |                            |
|                      |            | Jump Start      |                    | Weekend Surprise |                            |
| Delta Weekend        |            | Steady Cat      | Storm Cat          |                  |                            |
|                      |            |                 | Hopespringsforever |                  |                            |
|                      |            | Rubiano         | Fappiano           |                  |                            |
|                      | Misty Rain |                 | Ruby Slippers      |                  |                            |
|                      |            | Vigorous Search | Vigors             |                  |                            |
|                      |            |                 | Eternal Search     |                  |                            |
| 17                   | starts     | 1st             | 2nd                | 3rd              | earnings                   |
| 18 (sw)              | unraced    |                 |                    |                  |                            |
|                      | 4          | 2 (1)           | 0                  | 0                | \$68,750 (through June 23) |

**2018:** 1st \$75,000 **M. Tyson Gilpin S**, 5½ fur., turf, registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel, June 23.

Bred by Chance Farm (Va.); owned by Frederick J. Seitz, Danny Ward and John D. Stephens; trained by John D. Stephens.

Sire: **ARTIE SCHILLER**, b., 01, stands at Stockwell Thoroughbreds, Diggers Rest, Victoria, Australia. Dam: **DELTA WEEKEND**, gr./ro., 05, bred by Chance Farm (Va.). Raced 4 years, 28 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$70,844. (Kee Sept 06—\$27,000; OBS April 07—\$100,000)

12 **MaySouthernbeauty**, ch.f. by Street Boss. Raced 2 years, 7 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$1,165. (Kee Sept 13—\$10,000)

14 **Barren**.

15 **ALTAMURA**, b.f. by Artie Schiller. (FTK Oct 16—\$22,000)

16 **Upgrade Me**, b.f. by Exchange Rate. Unraced. (FTK Oct 17—\$120,000)

17 **Barren**.

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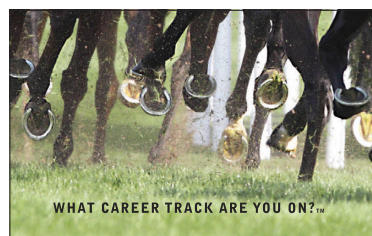
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**\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, registered Virginia-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, June 23.**

|                     |                |                   |                   |                 |                             |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Armoire, b.m., 2013 | El Prado (Ire) |                   | Sadler's Wells    | Northern Dancer |                             |
|                     | Artie Schiller |                   | Lady Capulet      | Fairy Bridge    |                             |
|                     |                |                   |                   | Majestic Light  | Sir Ivor                    |
|                     |                | Hidden Light      |                   | Majestic Prince |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Tallahto          | Irradiate       |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Danzig            | Nantallah       |                             |
|                     | War Chant      |                   | Hollywood Wildcat | Legato          |                             |
|                     | Wardrobe       |                   | Spectrum          | Northern Dancer |                             |
|                     |                | Rum Charger (Ire) |                   | Pas de Nom      |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Park Charger      | Kris S.         |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Miss Wildcatter   |                 |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Rainbow Quest     |                 |                             |
|                     |                |                   | River Dancer      |                 |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Tirol             |                 |                             |
|                     |                |                   | Haitienne         |                 |                             |
|                     | starts         | 1st               | 2nd               | 3rd             | earnings                    |
| 15                  | 1              | 1                 | 0                 | 0               | \$ 11,800                   |
| 16                  | 3              | 1                 | 1                 | 0               | 35,320                      |
| 17                  | 5              | 1                 | 3 (3)             | 0               | 72,390                      |
| 18 (sw)             | 1              | 1 (1)             | 0                 | 0               | 44,100                      |
|                     | 10             | 4 (1)             | 4 (3)             | 0               | \$163,610 (through June 23) |

Bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone (Va.); trained by Arnaud Delacour.  
Sire: **ARTIE SCHILLER**, b., 01, stands at Stockwell Thoroughbreds, Diggers Rest, Victoria, Australia.  
Dam: **WARDROBE**, b., 06, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone (Ky.). Unraced. (See Sept 06—\$27,000; OBS Sept 07—\$100,000)

15 Barren.

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., turf, registered Virginia-bred or sired, 3 & up.  
Laurel Park, June 23.

|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    |                            |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|-----|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     | Seattle Slew       | Bold Reasoning             |
|                                              |             | A.P. Indy    |  |     |     | Weekend Surprise   | My Charmer                 |
|                                              | Jump Start  |              |  |     |     | Storm Cat          | Secretariat                |
|                                              |             | Steady Cat   |  |     |     | Hopespringsforever | Lassie Dear                |
| <b>Determined Vision</b> , dk.b./br.g., 2015 |             |              |  |     |     | Nijinsky II        | Storm Bird                 |
|                                              |             | Green Dancer |  |     |     | *Green Valley II   | Terlingua                  |
|                                              | Green Jeans |              |  |     |     | Ack Ack            | Mr. Prospector             |
|                                              |             | Duds         |  |     |     | Fanci Forli        | Hopespringseternal         |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Northern Dancer            |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Flaming Page               |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | *Val de Loir               |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Sly Pola                   |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Battle Joined              |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Fast Turn                  |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | *Forli                     |
|                                              |             |              |  |     |     |                    | Regal Rumor                |
|                                              | starts      | 1st          |  | 2nd | 3rd |                    | earnings                   |
| 17                                           | 1           | 0            |  | 0   | 0   |                    | \$ 1,200                   |
| 18 (sw)                                      | 4           | 2 (1)        |  | 0   | 0   |                    | 70,530                     |
|                                              | 5           | 2 (1)        |  | 0   | 0   |                    | \$71,730 (through June 23) |

05 **GREEN VELVET**, dk.b./br.f. by Petionville. Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 6, \$88,904, Peapack Hurdle S, Valentine Memorial Sport of Queen's Hurdle S, 3rd Margaret Currey Henley Hurdle S. Producer.

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Stakes winners

- 06 Boxer Shorts, ch.g. by Two Punch. Raced 4 years, 45 starts, 8 wins, 4 to 6, \$149,058.  
07 Iguazu, dk.b./br.g. by Smoke Glacken. Raced 3 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 4, \$28,524. Died 2011.  
09 ch.c. by Two Punch. (FTM Oct 10—\$10,000)  
10 Green Punch, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$1,450.  
11 **JUST CALL KENNY**, dk.b./br.c. by Jump Start. Raced 5 years, 33 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 6, \$479,565, Philip H. Iselin S-G3, Spectacular Bid S, 2nd Salvator Mile S-G3, Long Branch S, Pa Derby Champion S, 3rd Indiana Derby-G2, Discovery H-G3, Monmouth Cup S-G3, Richard W. Small S. (FTM Oct 12—\$35,000)  
12-13 Barren.  
15 **DETERMINED VISION**, dk.b./br.g. by Jump Start. (FTM Oct 16—\$67,000)  
16 Barren.  
17 ch.c. by Imagining.  
18 f. by Congrats.

LONG ON VALUE

Mighty Beau Stakes

\$70,000-added, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up. Churchill Downs, June 2.

|                           |                  |                     |                    |       |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|
|                           |                  | Unbridled           | Fappiano           |       |                              |
|                           | Unbridled's Song |                     | Gana Facil         |       |                              |
|                           |                  | Trolley Song        | Caro (Ire)         |       |                              |
| Value Plus                |                  |                     | Lucky Spell        |       |                              |
|                           | Rollin On Over   |                     | Brent's Prince     |       |                              |
| Roll Over Baby            |                  | Miss Tomboy         |                    |       |                              |
|                           | Sweet Praise     | Honey Jay           |                    |       |                              |
| Long On Value, b.h., 2011 |                  | Sky Tribute         |                    |       |                              |
|                           | Mt. Livermore    | Blushing Groom (Fr) |                    |       |                              |
| Oriente                   |                  | Flama Ardiente      |                    |       |                              |
|                           | Dream Team       | Cox's Ridge         |                    |       |                              |
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|                           | starts           | 1st                 | 2nd                | 3rd   | earnings                     |
|                           |                  | In U.S., U.A.E.,    | Canada and England |       |                              |
| 13 (sw)                   | 5                | 3 (2)               | 0                  | 0     | \$ 85,300                    |
| 14 (sw)                   | 9                | 2 (2)               | 2 (2)              | 1 (1) | 333,338                      |
| 15 (sw)                   | 4                | 1 (1)               | 0                  | 1 (1) | 142,560                      |
| 16 (sw)                   | 7                | 1 (1)               | 2 (1)              | 0     | 118,270                      |
| 17                        | 5                | 0                   | 1 (1)              | 3 (3) | 302,225                      |
| 18 (sw)                   | 1                | 1 (1)               | 0                  | 0     | 40,380                       |
|                           | 31               | 8 (7)               | 5 (4)              | 5 (5) | \$1,022,073 (through June 2) |

2013: 1st \$50,000 **Jamestown S**, 5½ fur., turf, registered Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Colonial, July 6; \$50,000 **Strike Your Colors S** (1st div.), 5½ fur., 2-year-olds, Delaware, July 29. 2014: 1st \$200,000 **Mystic Lake Derby**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Canterbury, Sept. 13; \$200,000 **Twilight Derby-G2**, 1¼ mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Santa Anita, Oct. 31; 2nd **Arlington Classic S-G3**, Manila S; 3rd **Fred Cappy Capossela S**. 2015: 1st \$150,000 **Canadian Turf S-G3**, 1 mi., turf, 4 & up, Gulfstream, Feb. 21; 3rd **Maker's 46 Mile S-G1**. 2016: 1st \$100,000 **Lucky Coin S**, 5½ fur., turf,

4 & up, Saratoga, July 25; 2nd **Canadian Turf S-G3**. 2017: 2nd **Al Quoz Sprint-G1**; 3rd **Woodbine Mile S-G1**, **Troy H. Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S**. 2018: 1st \$70,000 **Mighty Beau S**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Churchill, June 2.

Bred by Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds (Va.); owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Ten Strike Racing and Steve Laymon; trained by Brad H. Cox.

Sire: **VALUE PLUS**, gr./ro., 01, stands at Strideaway Thoroughbreds, Armstrong, British Columbia, Canada.

Dam: **LONG MESSAGE**, b., 04, bred by Harry L. Landry and Rhapsody Farm (N.Y.). Unraced. (Kee Jan 18—\$10,000 in foal to Twirling Candy)

08 Amangiri, b.f. by Medaglia d'Oro. Raced 1 year, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, \$21,056. (NYBSC Oct 08—\$30,000; Kee Sept 09—\$75,000)

09 Fox's Silver Socks, gr./ro.g. by Value Plus. Unraced. (Kee Sept 10—\$3,500)  
10 Barren.

11 **LONG ON VALUE**, b.c. by Value Plus. (FTM Oct 12—\$3,000; Kee Nov 17—\$100,000)

12 Slipped; 13 barren.

15 Keepupthethemessage, ch.f. by Keep Up. Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$4,730.

16 Hold the Message, gr./ro.f. by Cross Traffic. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$675. (FTK Oct 17—\$22,000)

17 ch.c. by Will Take Charge. (Kee Jan 18—\$8,000)

18 c. by Twirling Candy.

STICKSSTATELYDUDE

Edward P. Evans Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, registered Virginia-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, June 23.

|                               |            |                  |                  |     |                             |
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|                               |            |                  | A.P. Indy        |     | Seattle Slew                |
|                               |            | Stephen Got Even |                  |     | Weekend Surprise            |
|                               |            |                  | Immerse          |     | Cox's Ridge                 |
|                               | First Dude |                  |                  |     | Baroness Direct             |
|                               |            | Run Sarah Run    | Smart Strike     |     | Mr. Prospector              |
|                               |            |                  | Breech           |     | Classy 'n Smart             |
| Sticksstatelydude, b.h., 2013 |            |                  |                  |     | Relaunch                    |
|                               |            |                  |                  |     | Scatter Plan                |
|                               |            |                  | Timeless Moment  |     | Damascus                    |
|                               |            | Gilded Time      |                  |     | Hour of Parting             |
|                               |            |                  | Gilded Lilly     |     | What a Pleasure             |
|                               | Placerita  |                  |                  |     | Luquillo                    |
|                               |            |                  | Advocator        |     | Round Table                 |
|                               |            | Amazing Love     |                  |     | Delta Queen                 |
|                               |            |                  | Bold But Baffled |     | Bold and Brave              |
|                               |            |                  |                  |     | Winding Trail               |
|                               | starts     | 1st              | 2nd              | 3rd | earnings                    |
| 15                            | 3          | 1                | 1                | 0   | \$ 82,860                   |
| 16 (sw)                       | 5          | 2 (1)            | 2 (1)            | 0   | 243,540                     |
| 17                            | 2          | 0                | 0                | 0   | \$7,650                     |
| 18 (sw)                       | 7          | 1 (1)            | 1                | 1   | 72,575                      |
|                               | 17         | 4 (2)            | 4 (1)            | 1   | \$406,625 (through June 23) |

2016: 1st \$150,000 **Discovery S-G3**, 1¼ mi., 3-year-olds, Aqueduct, Nov. 12; 2nd **Oklahoma Derby-G3**. 2018: 1st \$75,000 **Edward P. Evans S**, 1 mi., turf, registered Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, June 23.

Bred by Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds (Va.); owned by Alvin S. Haynes, Mitchell D. Haynes, John S. Ferris, Brad Ward and Pack Pride Racing; trained by Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

Sire: **FIRST DUDE**, b., 07, stands at Double Diamond Farm, Ocala, Fla.

Dam: **PLACERITA**, ch., 97, bred by Wendell R. Stoops and Vinery (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 1 win at 3, \$84,800. (Kee Nov 97—\$52,000; FTS Aug 98—\$250,000; Kee Nov 03—\$75,000 in foal to Commendable; OBS Oct 06—\$8,000 in foal to Snow Ridge)

03 Tenure Track, ch.f. by Commendable. Raced 1 year, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, \$14,755. (Kee Sept 04—\$30,000; OBS March 05—\$25,000) Producer.

04 R Sexy Love, ch.f. by Commendable. Raced 3 years, 5 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$31,575.

05 August Romance, ch.f. by Dance Master. Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 3 wins at 2, 3 and 5, \$52,357. (OBS June 07—\$25,000) Producer.

07 Botany, ch.f. by Snow Ridge. In France, raced 2 years, 22 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$46,855. (FTM Oct 08—\$20,000; OBS April 09—\$180,000)

08 First in Fashion, b.f. by Fire Slam. Raced 2 years, 24 starts, 1 win at 3, \$32,960.

09 **SATURDAY NITE RIDE**, ch.f. by Flower Alley. Raced 3 years, 17 starts, 7 wins at 4 and 5, \$220,471, City of Edmonton Distaff H, Madamoiselle H, John Patrick H, Wild Rose H, 2nd City of Edmonton Distaff H, 3rd Delta Colleen H, Madamoiselle H. (FTK Oct 10—\$12,000; OBS April 11—\$50,000)

10 Mack Daddy, ch.c. by Scat Daddy. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$350. (OBS April 12—\$55,000)

12 **Crackdown**, ch.g. by Scat Daddy. Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$73,238, 2nd John Longden 6000 H. (OBS Oct 12—\$55,000; Kee Sept 13—\$70,000)

13 **STICKSSTATELYDUDE**, b.c. by First Dude. (FTK Oct 13—\$40,000)

14 **SWING AND SWAY**, b.f. by Maclean's Music. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$351,540, Carousel S, American Beauty S, Niagara S, 3rd Spring Fever S. (Kee Jan 15—\$50,000; FTM Aug 15—\$117,000; OBS March 16—\$185,000)

15 Barren.

16 ch.f. by Majesticperfection. (Kee Sept 17—\$250,000)

17 Barren.

18 f. by Not This Time.





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## Chanceland colt crowned Yearling Show champion

By Joe Clancy



A.J. Hesketh-Tutton shares a moment with the eventual champion, a colt by Fed Biz.

As an observer raved about a nearly black Mr Speaker colt in the ring for Class II at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's annual yearling show June 24, Bob Manfuso offered a cautionary statement.

"Wait 'til you see his buddy. He's got everything in the right place."

On cue, another Manfuso-bred colt walked along the rail of the sand ring at the Timonium Fairgrounds. And made everybody stop and

look. The bay son of Fed Biz and the Elusive Quality mare Proficient looked like a small racehorse—with an easy walk, good shoulders, the right balance from front to back. An hour later, the colt won the class for colts and geldings by non-Maryland sires as Manfuso-breds swept the top three places (the Mr Speaker colt was third). By the end of the day, judge Rick Violette crowned the Fed Biz colt as the show's grand champion

over a filly by Bandbox bred and owned by Ellen Charles.

The major prizes capped a long, hot day, but once again showcased the depth of the Maryland-bred program. Ninety-six horses filled the four classes, and made Violette's job difficult.

"There were a bunch of nice horses here," said the Grade 1-winning New York-based trainer. "The final four [in the championship class] was a really difficult choice. I kept going back and forth,





Owner/breeder Bob Manfuso (with trophy) and the team from Chanceland Farm accept the championship prizes from Michelle Jennings of sponsor The Mill of Bel Air and Bill Reightler of EMO Agency.



Owner/breeder Ellen Charles and David and JoAnn Hayden of Dark Hollow Farm accept the prizes for the reserve champion from *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editor Joe Clancy and Reightler.

especially between the top two. You're really picking hairs at the end, and I could have switched them around and not lost any sleep. I'd take any one of those four home. They're nice horses."

The champion represents a relatively new branch of the Thoroughbred tree at Chanceland Farm, the home of Manfuso and partner Katy Voss. Frequent Manfuso partner Nursery Place bought Proficient (twice a winner for Richard Santulli and Alan Goldberg) at Keeneland January in 2014. Her first foal, Silver Mining, sold for \$35,000 as a yearling in 2016 and was winless in two starts through June for Unjin and Rodney Jenkins.

Proficient's 2017 foal's racing days are somewhere in the future, perhaps after a trip to the Fasig-Tipton Mid-

atlantic sale this fall, but Manfuso likes what he sees so far. Chanceland always takes part in the yearling show, and the 2018 contingent took home four class ribbons in addition to the farm's eighth championship.

"I love the horse," Manfuso said from the shade of the ringside tent. "When I watch horses mature, they go a certain way and he's just happened to put the pieces together to go that way. He's got a great stride, he's got the balance, he's not too big or too small, great shoulders on him."

The win elicited a loud cheer from the Chanceland crew—led by Sally Eck—hanging on the rail. Their work with the 11 yearlings in the show paid off, they were proud, and you could tell.

"Hats off to my crew," said Manfuso. "They do a great job with them. We don't mess around with the cutie pie stuff either. They're out running around, roughing it up with their buddies. Some of them get nicked here and there. That's the way it goes, but that's the way you raise a tough horse."

Farm manager Casey Randall echoed Manfuso's sentiments, while admitting that the ribbons do help ease the workload—a bit.

"It's very, very rewarding for the crew," he said. "You come in wanting to do the best you can possibly do but stay humble about it too. You want your horse to do as well as they can and you want everyone else's to as well. There are so many nice horses out there. You know it's a very close judgment. We're very

grateful for the decision, and I thought Mrs. Charles' horse was a beautiful filly, a stand-out filly."

The champion goes by "Bruce" around the farm, and the name will resonate with fans of a certain animated movie. Somewhere along the line Proficient picked up the nickname "Fishy," and her first foal was, of course, dubbed "Nemo" after the lead character in *Finding Nemo*. The Fed Biz colt acts a bit more aggressive, so was given the handle "Bruce," after a sometimes friendly, sometimes not so friendly shark. Bruce's main line in the film is, "Fish are friends, not food." Substitute people for fish, and you get the Fed Biz colt's personality, well some of it.

"He's an easy boy, kind of an airhead, just a happy-go-lucky guy who's not too concerned about everything," said Chanceland's A.J. Hesketh-Tutton, who was on the shank for the show. "When you tell him to do something, he's like, 'Who me?' Then you tell him again and he's like, 'Oh, you did mean me.' He's a good boy, and a handsome lad."

Charles was on hand to take a bow for her filly Be Good, who won a crowded Class III (fillies by Maryland sires) before being named reserve champion. Showed by John Foster of Dark Hollow Farm, the gray daughter of Bandbox stood out among 32 in her class and represented a deep connection to the pedigree. Charles raced Bandbox and owns shares in the stallion, and she bought the reserve champion's dam Dearie Be Good as a yearling in 2007. The \$15,000 purchase was made, at least in part, for sentimental reasons as Charles' mother Adelaide (MacNeille) Riggs bred much of the filly's female family including stakes winner Zvetlana (a Maryland-bred foal of 1978), Zarrah (1970), Best Contract (1952) and Best Blue (1946).

"That adds to it," said Charles of the family history. "You can do well with any horse but to add some connec-



tion to it makes it doubly satisfying. I raced Bandbox too, so it's there on both sides."

The reserve champion was raised and prepped at David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm, where Charles is a frequent visitor.

"I go out and see them all," she said. "I have my pets, you know. I have favorites. If I'm going to be involved, I want to go see them."

Dark Hollow also won Class IV, for fillies by sires standing outside Maryland, with a Tapizar daughter from the Malibu Moon mare Over the Moon. The bay filly, with white on all four legs, led a parade from the Upperco farm as Dark Hollow took home the third-, fourth- and fifth-place ribbons in the class.

Breeder Lady Olivia at North Cliff won Class I, for colts and geldings by Maryland sires, with a member of the Virginia farm's first Maryland-bred crop. Foaled at Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, the bay son of Bourbon Courage (with a long stripe down his face) prevailed over 27 others to start the day. Lady Olivia's trainer Carla Morgan recalled the opinion of at least one esteemed observer early in the colt's life.

"Bill Graves loved that colt," said Morgan of the Fasig-Tipton Sales company legend who passed away in May. "He saw him when the mare was in Kentucky to be bred and told me, 'That's the nicest-looking colt I've seen all year.'"

Graves, of course, ended with a promise to be interested if Lady Olivia ever wanted to sell. That's pretty doubtful.

"He's a second generation homebred," said owner Ginger Fox, who operates the Rixeyville farm with David Dobson. "This is our first year with Maryland-breds, but he spent a lot of time on the farm at home too and is Virginia-certified. I was on the farm with him, and he's a pretty good guy. He was not a problem growing up."

Northview Stallion Station's first-year sire Golden Lad led all Maryland stallions

at the show, fittingly taking home the Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy. The son of Medaglia d'Oro had three class placings from 11 shown (second and fifth in Class I, second in Class III).

All yearlings who entered the show ring are eligible for \$40,000 in premium awards, with \$20,000 going to the exhibitors of the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2-year-olds in 2019, and \$20,000 divided among the exhibitors of the four highest-earning 3-year-old runners the next year.

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## Results

**Class I.** For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in Maryland. (28 exhibited)

1. b.c., Bourbon Courage—Uncanny Nikol, by Outflanker. Owned and bred by Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC, Rixeyville, Va.; 2. dk.b./br.c., Golden Lad—Belterra, by Unbridled. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md.; 3. dk.b./br.c., Imagining—Night Brigade, by Rockport Harbor. Owned and bred by Finn's Nickel LLC and Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.,



The Class I presentation (from left): Mike Pons, Steve Dance and Paget Bennett make the presentation to David Dobson and Chloe Kidder of breeder Lady Olivia at North Cliff.



Lady Olivia's Lupe Flores receives the Class I groom's award from Bill Reightler for a colt by Seville (Ger).



Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett presents the Class II prize, won by the eventual champion, to Bob Manfuso and A.J. Hesketh-Tutton.



Reightler presents the Class II groom's award to Jenna Isenock for a colt by Congrats from Dark Hollow Farm.





Maryland Jockey Club's Phoebe Hayes and Joe Clancy of thisishorseracing.com (center) present the Class III prizes to owner/breeder Ellen Charles, JoAnn and David Hayden and John Foster of Dark Hollow Farm.



Bill Reightler presents the Class III groom's award to Krissy Close for a Golden Lad filly owned and bred by Charles' Hillwood Stables.



Shamrock Farm's Jim Steele and theracingbiz.com's Frank Vespe present the Class IV prizes to JoAnn and David Hayden, Krissy Close and a Tapizar filly owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm.



Reightler presents the Class IV groom's award to Kim Crowell for a Palace Malice filly from Country Life Farm.



Amateur Judging awards were presented by MHBA's Jordyn Egan to Cathy Degges and Edwin Merryman

Port Deposit, Md.; 4. John, b.c., Baltimore Bob—Ferry Music, by Wiseman's Ferry. Owned and bred by Alberts Racing LLC, Laurel, Md.; 5. b.c., Golden Lad—Grand Canyon Gold, by Tale of the Cat. Owned by Donald Barr and Walter Vieser, New Market, Md. Bred by Kevin P. Morgan.

**Class II.** For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland. (20 exhibited)

1. b.c., Fed Biz—Proficient, by Elusive Quality. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md.; 2. dk.b./br.c., Street Sense—Get Set Go, by More Than Ready. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md.; 3. dk.b./br.c., Mr Speaker—Tizbird, by Tiznow. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md.; 4. ch.c., Tapizar—Plum, by Pure Prize. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.; 5. dk.b./br.c., Honor Code—Joy, by Pure Prize. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

**Class III.** For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in Maryland. (32 exhibited)

1. Be Good, gr./ro.f., Bandbox—Dearie Be Good, by Scrimshaw. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stables LLC, Washington, D.C.; 2. dk.b./br.f., Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stables LLC, Washington, D.C.; 3. dk.b./br.f.,

Great Notion—Long Time Gone, by Pioneering. Owned and bred by Gelli Partners LLC and Michael J. Harrison DVM, Bel Air, Md.; 4. Freedom Blayze, b.f., Freedom Child—Hurricane Isabella, by Prospect Bay. Owned by George Busche and Linda Walls, Georgetown, Tex. Bred by LGB Thoroughbreds; 5. ch.f., Etched—Bay of Bengal, by Ra-keen. Owned and bred by Bonita Farm, Darlington, Md.

**Class IV.** For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland. (16 exhibited)

1. dk.b./br.f., Tapizar—Over the Moon, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.; 2. b.f., Ghostzapper—Native Enough, by Street Sense. Owned and bred by Sagamore Farm, Reisterstown, Md.; 3. Self Assured, dk.b./br.f., Tale of the Cat—Bridled Assurance, by Unbridled's Song. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stables LLC, Washington, D.C.; 4. dk.b./br.f., Congrats—Starsonhershoulder, by Quiet American. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davidov, Upperco, Md.; 5. b.f., Uncle Mo—Luna Time, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer, Butler, Md.

**Champion**—b.c., Fed Biz—Proficient, by Elusive Quality. Owned and bred by Robert T. Manfuso, West Friendship, Md. (Class II)

**Reserve Champion**—Be Good, gr./ro.f., Bandbox—Dearie Be Good, by Scrim-





Ringmaster Brian Magness and judge's assistant Cindy Deubler flank judge Rick Violette after a long day of looking at yearlings.



The MHBA's Cricket Goodall accepts the leading sire award for Northview Stallion Station's Golden Lad from Randy Lewis of sponsor Sagamore Farm.

shaw. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stables LLC, Washington, D.C. (Class III)

**Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy—GOLDEN LAD.** Presented to the Maryland stallion whose offspring earn the most points based on the following: five for first, three (second), two (third), one (fourth) and a half (fifth). The champion earns two and the reserve one.

The following stallions earned points at this year's show:

Golden Lad, 6½ points (11 shown); Bandbox, 6 points

(three); Bourbon Courage, 5 points (three); Great Notion, 2 points (three); Imagining, 2 points (six); Baltimore Bob, 1 point (one); Freedom Child, 1 point (two); and Etched, ½ point (two).

**Groom's awards:** Class I, #107, Lupe Flores; Class II, #31, Jenna Isenock; Class III, #25, Krissy Close; Class IV, #108, Kim Crowell; Championship class, #47, A.J. Hesketh-Tutton (champion); #21, John Foster (reserve).

**Amateur judging contest:** Cathy Degges and Edwin Merryman.



## Premium award winners from 2015, 2016 MHBA Yearling shows

The \$40,000 MHBA Yearling Show premium is split and distributed twice among the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2- and 3-year-olds.

The highest earners of 2017 received \$13,000 for first; \$4,000, second; \$2,000, third; and \$1,000, fourth.

### Shown in 2015—3-year-olds in 2017

Judge: Donato Lanni

**Faze the Nation**—\$150,368

(ch.f., Cal Nation—Sunday in Malibu, by Malibu Moon; shown in Class III by LMW Thoroughbreds LLC [Linda Walls]). *In 2017:* 3rd Miss Disco S

**My Sistersledge**—\$123,621

(dk.b./br.f., Etched—Blushing Bride, by Miesque's Son; shown in Class III by John Banner). *In 2017:* Won Maryland Million Ladies S, 3rd Pearl Necklace S

**Parade of Nations**—\$112,075

(ch.g., Cal Nation—Parade of Colors, by Leading the Parade; shown in Class I by John E. Williamson III)

**O Dionysus**—\$105,000

(b.c., Bodemeister—Safe Journey, by Flatter; shown in Class II by Dark Hollow Farm).

*In 2017:* Won Miracle Wood S, 2nd Private Terms S, Federico Tesio S, Frank Whiteley Jr. S

### Shown in 2016—2-year-olds in 2017

Judge: John Servis

**Limited View**—\$177,096

(b.f., Freedom Child—Loves to Glance, by Not For Love; 3rd in Class III, shown by Dragon's Lair Farm LLC). *In 2017:* Won Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Maryland Million Lassie S

**Southampton Way**—\$106,800

(b.f., Into Mischief—Roadtohanna, by Not For Love; Champion, 1st in Class IV, shown by Sagamore Farm). *In 2017:* 2nd Adirondack S-G2, Arlington-Washington Lassie S

**Enchanted Ghost**—\$69,589

(b.f., Ghostzapper—Uniformly Yours, by Grand Slam; shown in Class IV by George Doetsch)

**Onemoregreattime**—\$60,609

(b.c., Great Notion—Onemoretimeagain, by Love of Money; shown in Class I by Clover Hill Farm Inc.). *In 2017:* 3rd Maryland Million Nursery S



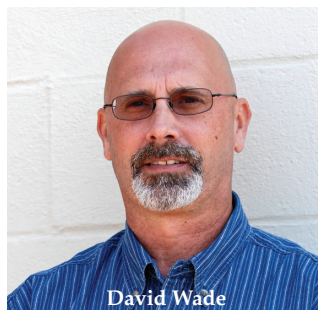
# Harrison named MHBA president as new board takes office



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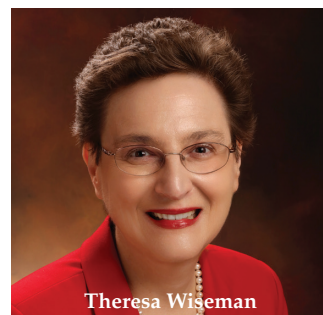
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The Maryland Horse Breeders Association membership selected three new members and two incumbents to the Board of Directors, as announced June 12. Dictated by MHBA bylaws, the annual election fills five open seats. Those elected this year will serve for the next three years. Michael Harrison, Christy Holden and Theresa Wiseman join incumbents Kent Murray and David Wade. Holden was elected for the first time; Wiseman was a president's appointee in 2017.

**Michael Harrison DVM.** Owns and operates Willowdale Farm in Butler (Baltimore County), which has been in his family since 1962. A practicing equine veterinarian for more than 35 years, he first appeared on the MHBA board as a presidential appointee in 2009 and 2010, and was elected to serve two terms through 2016. A chairman of the MHBA Legislative committee, he notes: "The tide is turning on racing and breeding in the state, thanks to our legislators, the hard work of many, and an enlightened, proactive racing commission. My goals are to work with fellow board members and existing related organizations to revitalize public interest, support and involvement in Maryland racing and breeding. Racing and breeding are important elements of Maryland agriculture, and I will work to strengthen public and legislative awareness of this fact."

**Kent Murray.** The son of late board member E. Allen

Murray grew up on the family's Murmur Farm in Darlington. The Aberdeen (Harford County) resident owns Twin Oaks Farm, a horse boarding facility, with his wife Donna, and is a consultant and account manager for Murmur Farm. A program manager for Northrop Grumman Corporation, he has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's in business administration. First elected to the board in 2015, he is also on the Maryland Million board. His goals are to represent Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners from Maryland by encouraging new thoughts, listening to input, and acting in the best interests of the members. In addition, the promotion of the Thoroughbred industry to Maryland elected officials will be a high priority.

**David Wade.** General manager of Northview Stallion Station and the manager of Sycamore Hall Farm in Chesapeake City (Cecil County), Wade is also a sales agent and has been on the MHBA board since 2016. With his wife Maureen, he breeds on a small scale, counting among his top performers Maryland-bred champions Sparkling Number and Celestial Legend. Wade has served on the MHBA sales committee, stallion committee, events committee, yearling show committee and steering committee of the Farm Managers Club. Among his goals are to further build Maryland as the preeminent state in the Mid-Atlantic region for breeding and racing.

"It is important to maintain a proactive approach while incorporating innovative programs and lucrative incentives for our breeders," Wade said.

**Christy Holden.** The first-time electee, a resident of Forest Hill (Harford County), is general manager of Country Life and Merryland Farms, where she has worked since 2004. Holden has a bachelor's degree in business administration and had been an office manager for Woodward Associates, selling fire trucks and equipment, and a commercial lines representative at Earl A. Klein Insurance Agency. In addition to managing the five stallions at Country Life, she has overseen the foalings of more than 400 mares and prepared and showed dozens of yearlings at the MHBA yearling show. Her goals include being a voice for farm managers and professionals who make a living on Maryland farms, and to provide ideas for the long-term success and stability of breeding and racing.

**Theresa Wiseman.** Founder and president of MediaWise Inc., a media relations consulting firm, Wiseman was a president appointee to the MHBA board in 2017. She has served on the MHBA social media and marketing committee (the chair since 2017), events committee and member relations committee. With a B.A. in communication arts, she has held positions as director of media relations at her alma mater, the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, and director of public relations and develop-

ment, marketing and news editor at *The Catholic Review*. She has owned horses in various partnerships since 2012. Among her goals are "to assist the MHBA in continuing to harness new technologies in addition to tried and true methods to encourage more people to enter the industry as active owners and breeders. Continuous exposure through various media is what will help Thoroughbred breeding and racing in Maryland continue to grow. If people aren't exposed to the message, they will never get involved. Bringing new people into the industry as well as keeping those already actively involved are keys to growth."

Of the five directors whose terms expired in 2018, outgoing president Robert B. "Willie" White, secretary-treasurer Richard F. Blue Jr. and John C. Davison were ineligible to stand for reelection because they served six consecutive years. Those whose terms have not expired are Brooke Bowman DVM, Rebecca B. Davis, David DiPietro, Louis Merryman, Sabrina Moore, David Moose, Larry Murray, James B. Steele Jr., Hunter Rankin and William S. Reightler.

Following the general membership meeting June 25 at Goucher College, the board elected Harrison as president, Wade as vice-president and Kent Murray as secretary-treasurer.



# Royal additions join Maryland-bred Hall of Fame

**R**oyally bred El Gran Senor and one of the queens of state-bred distaffers, Caesar's Wish, are the 2018 inductees to the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame.

A son of Northern Dancer bred by E.P. Taylor, El Gran Senor was destined for greatness. His dam, the Buckpasser mare Sex Appeal, had produced his champion full-brother Try My Best and group-winning half-sister Solar when the colt arrived at Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City in April 1981.

Whereas many of Windfields' Northern Dancer yearlings were sold, El Gran Senor—named for his sire's Hall of Fame trainer Horatio Luro—campaigning for Windfields in partnership with Robert Sangster and his trainer Vincent O'Brien.

Based in Ireland, El Gran Senor was undefeated in four starts at 2. Described by his connections as a lazy but talented colt who would "make a race of it with a donkey, and always do enough and no more," he captured the Railway Stakes-G3, followed by the National Stakes-G2, both at The Curragh, and capped off his season in Newmarket's Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes over Rainbow Quest. El Gran Senor was named 1983 champion 2-year-old colt in England and Ireland, resulting in a breeding coup for Taylor, who also bred that year's North American champion 2-year-old colt Devil's Bag.

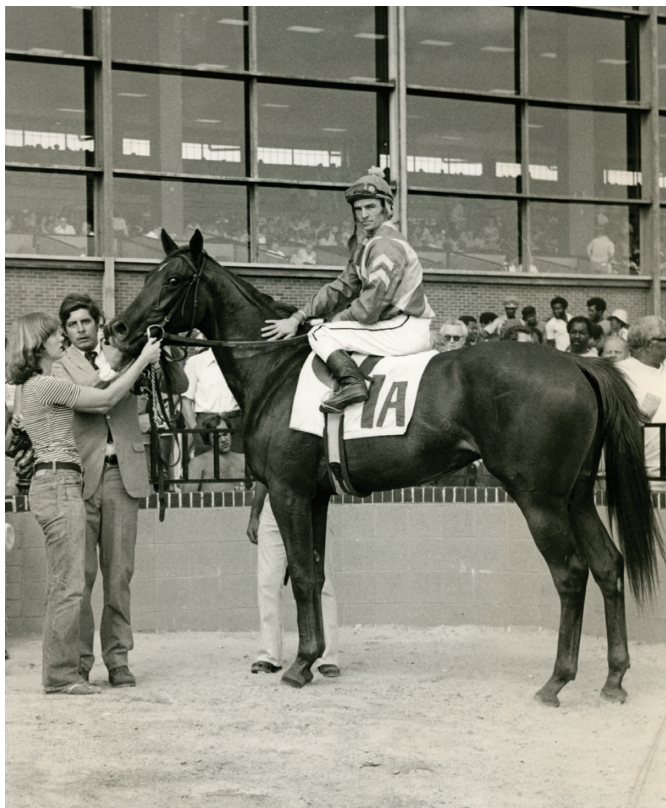
El Gran Senor enhanced his reputation at 3. He debuted a winner over stablemate Sadler's Wells (also by Northern Dancer) in the 7-furlong Gladness Stakes, which provided a perfect setup for the English classic Two Thousand Guineas-G1. El Gran Senor won by daylight while recording one of the fastest times in the race's nearly 175-year history.

El Gran Senor suffered the only loss of his eight-start ca-



El Gran Senor winning the Group 3 Railway Stakes at The Curragh at 2, one of six stakes wins in his eight-start career.

Liam Healy



Caesar's Wish with trainer Dickie Small, groom Kathy Dibben and Danny Wright aboard after her Toddler Stakes win at 2.

Double J

reer as favorite in the Epsom Derby-G1. Taking the lead 2 furlongs from the finish of the 1½-mile classic, El Gran Senor was caught in the clos-

ing yards by another Windfields-bred Northern Dancer son, Secreto, and lost by a head.

Considered an exemplary miler, El Gran Senor was again asked to go 1½ miles in his next start, the Irish Sweeps Derby-G1. He won comfortably as the 2-7 favorite in the final start of his career.

El Gran Senor was again named champion in England, as top 3-year-old and miler, and took 1984 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, champion 3-year-old and champion grass horse honors in a close vote over Secreto. El Gran Senor entered stud alongside Northern Dancer at Windfields in 1985.

El Gran Senor proved sub-fertile that first season, only getting 40 percent of his mares in foal. Windfields accepted a fertility insurance settlement, and he was moved to Ashford Stud in Kentucky the next year where he remained until his death at age 25 in 2006.

From 15 crops, he sired 415 foals of which 55 were stakes winners. Among his best was his Grade 1-winning daughter Toussaud, who went on to be named Broodmare of the Year after producing five graded stakes winners from seven starters, including Belmont Stakes-G1 winner and sire Empire Maker.

Caesar's Wish was considered by her trainer Dickie Small as one of his greatest achievements and the fastest horse he ever trained. Described as "a big, magnificent chestnut who seemed to possess every physical attribute a man could want," she was Maryland-bred champion of her division both years she competed, winning 11 of 16 starts in 1977 and 1978, nine stakes. Only timing and tragedy kept her from greater glory.

Bred by Nathan Cohen, former Pimlico vice-president and son of former Pimlico president Herman Cohen, the filly by Proudest Roman was born at Doug Small's Strathmore Stud in Monkton. By the time the filly out of the un-



disquished Art Market mare Primer was a yearling, Cohen and his father opted to get out of the breeding business. They sold the lot (five mares, four sucklings and four yearlings) to Small.

Small immediately entered the yearlings in the Eastern Fall Sale, hoping to get \$20,000 for the filly he said was "without doubt the best looking yearling I have ever raised." Bidding stalled at \$7,500 and Small took her home, then sold her privately to client Sally Gibson, who placed the filly with Small's son Dickie to train. Caesar's Wish went on to earn \$314,507.

In her juvenile debut in May at Pimlico, Caesar's Wish won by 9 lengths. She followed with a romp in the Tod-

dler Stakes at Bowie, got a summer break, and then added a score in the Bowie Kindergarten Stakes. Sent to Aqueduct in November, she coasted to victory in the Tempted, then faced the nation's divisional leader, Lakeville Miss, in the Demoiselle-G2 17 days later, and won by 7 widening lengths.

Caesar's Wish added a victory in Keystone's Villager Stakes-G3 in late December to push her 2-year-old record to seven wins from eight starts.

Eclipse Award ballots had been mailed before the Demoiselle, and didn't include Caesar's Wish. Lakeville Miss was named champion.

A quest for an Eclipse Award in 1978 was well under way that summer as Caesar's

Wish sailed through four victories, all stakes, including the Grade 1 Mother Goose (defeating Lakeville Miss and Tempest Queen) and Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan. She was second in the Coaching Club American Oaks-G1 and headed to Saratoga for the Grade 1 Alabama, in which she went off the 4-5 favorite. Leading from the start, she faltered heading into the far turn, collapsed and died of a heart attack on the track. The Eclipse Award went to Tempest Queen.

That fall, Bowie carded a Caesar's Wish Handicap. A race has been run in her honor at a Maryland track nearly every year since.

Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame inductees are se-

lected by a committee of racing industry members. Candidates must be retired from racing at least five years to be eligible.

Under the collaboration of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Racing Media Association, the Hall of Fame was initiated in 2013 and now numbers 22 members. The class of 2018 joins Awad, Broad Brush, Chaledon, Cigar, Concern, Dave's Friend, Deputed Testimony, Find, Gallorette, Jameela, Kauai King, Little Bold John, Politely, Safely Kept, Twixt and Vertex and steeplechasers Elkridge, Good Night Shirt, Jay Trump and Tuscalee. 🐾



## MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks  
May 7 to May 31, 2018

### Breeder bonuses

*Includes the additional 20 percent Maryland-sired bonus for winners of maiden races, initiated in the 2017 Laurel fall meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race.*

Leo J. Ambrogio—CUT TIME: May 28, 2nd race, \$891..

David Baxter—CRAZY WILD BILL: May 17, 2nd race, \$945. GLAD DAD: May 12, 7th race, \$2,079; May 28, 1st race, \$2,079. IN ARREARS: May 18, 6th race, \$10,670.40 JAMES BREW: May 12, 5th race, \$945. (\$16,718.40)

Patricia and Richard Beck—PICTURA: May 26, 7th race, \$1,134.

Estate of Howard M. Bender—JUST HOWARD: May 19, 7th race, \$3,000. MY OWN LANE: May 25, 3rd race, \$1,449. ZEN'S LAND: May 28, 9th race, \$825. (\$5,274)

Howard M. Bender Revocable Trust—IRISH ACCESS: May 26, 9th race, \$1,155.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—GRANDIFLORA: May 19, 4th race, \$1,815. HOT FRIESIA: May 12, 3rd race, \$5,643/\$3,762. (\$11,220)

B'More Hopeful Stables and Dark Hollow Farm—MAJOR METRO: May 11, 2nd race, \$2,079.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—EMMA'S DIAMOND: May 28, 7th race, \$1,386.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and R. Larry Johnson—GO MAGICIAN GO: May 11, 7th race, \$726.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—LIPPI LORENZO: May 28, 1st race, \$5,643/\$3,762. (\$9,405)

Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—SHOT-DOWN IN FLAMES: May 18, 1st race, \$1,650.

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—JUMP JIVE AN WAIL: May 18, 8th race, \$3,931.20.

Karen Clark—UNBRIDLED ESCAPE: May 11, 1st race, \$3,078.

Classic Thoroughbred 25—TROUBLESOME: May 12, 5th race, \$495; May 28, 3rd race, \$945. (\$1,440)

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—EARNED IT: May 12, 9th race, \$1,575.

Country Roads Ltd.—HAVE HOPE: May 28, 4th race, \$2,907. MELO DESPERADO: May 17, 6th race, \$924. (\$3,831)

Mike Dalton LLC—CONJECTURE: May 19, 2nd race, \$8,892.

Dark Hollow Farm—O DIONYSUS: May 10, 5th race, \$8,037.

Marilyn Anne Doetsch—HOPKINS CHOICE: May 11, 6th race, \$1,134.

Double Deez Stables Inc.—DONNA'S DELIGHT: May 24, 9th race, \$871.20.

The Elkstone Group LLC—PLATINUM POUND: May 11, 2nd race, \$1,089. SINGING IN TILES: May 28, 7th race, \$2,079. (\$3,168)

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—VISUAL EFFECT: May 25, 5th race, \$1,512.

W. Dale and Joan P. Everett—GIVEN ACHANCE: May 26, 7th race, \$3,078. SHE'S ACHANCE TOO: May 25, 6th race, \$4,788. (\$7,866)

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—DEAR CHARLOTTE: May 27, 3rd race, \$495.

Robert Gerczak—BALTIMORE STREET: May 11, 1st race, \$1,134.

Glade Valley Farms Inc.—FLEET GOLD DIGGER: May 25, 8th race, \$5,985.

Glenangus Farm LLC—PEACH OF A GAL: May 18, 12th race \$3,000.

Dan Green—NORTHERN PRANCER: May 24, 6th race, \$1,575. WILLIE B MINE: May 19, 3rd race, \$1,815. (\$3,390)

Michael J. Harrison DVM—GIN FUZZ: May 10, 1st race, \$759.

Trevor R. Hewick and Joan Hewick—POPLAR AVENUE: May 17, 9th race, \$4,514.40.

Hickory Ridge Farm—DORCAS CAREY: May 11, 9th race, \$1,701.

Hillside Thoroughbreds LLC—SOFRANKO: May 26, 5th race, \$891.

Hope Hill Farm and Thomas McGreevy—ESTRELLA GRANDE: May 10, 4th race, \$1,134.

Barbara J. Houck—FINAL FEAR: May 25, 9th race, \$4,514.40.

Housatonic Stables LLC—NAUTICAL NATURE: May 18, 6th race, \$2,059.20.

Jackson Residuary QTIP Trust—RENAISSANCE ROSIE: May 26, 8th race, \$7,695.

R. Larry Johnson—QUESTION OF THE DAY: May 28, 7th race, \$5,643.

Carol A. Kaye—MOONLIGHT SHADOW: May 17, 8th race, \$1,386.

LGB Thoroughbreds—FREEDOM STORM: May 17, 2nd race, \$495.

Kenneth Lowe Jr.—SHE'S LIKE THE WIND: May 26, 10th race \$1,089.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—KAITAIN: May 26, 2nd race, \$4,617. RARE NOTION: May 24, 7th race, \$1,320. (\$5,937)

Marathon Farms Inc.—DAYSTRIKE: May 13, 6th race, \$1,134.

Ann Warfield Merryman and Donald Metzger—JACK GREER STUB HUTCH: May 25, 4th race, \$1,134.

Jennifer "Bird" Mobberley—NO REFUNDS: May 17, 4th race, \$2,520.

Athol Morgan LLC—DR BOLT: May 18, 6th race, \$3,931.20.

Morgan's Ford Farm—REDEEMED GENTLEMAN: May 13, 10th race \$871.20; May 27, 1st race, \$594. (\$1,465.20)

Dr. and Mrs. Faysal Mudarris—APOLODORODEDAMASCO: May 25, 8th race, \$1,155.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—CAPUCINE: May 10, 7th race, \$726. HEY MABEL: May 13, 4th race, \$2,041.20. MADAM ALEX: May 26, 3rd race, \$1,134. (\$3,901.20)

Steven T. Newby—ZORALLY: May 18, 3rd race, \$3,276.

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—SHIFRA MAGICIAN: May 10, 3rd race, \$1,512.

Marilyn Payne—BAGELS AND LOX: May 25, 9th race, \$1,663.20.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—LEGAL PRECEDENT: May 25, 2nd race, \$1,197. STEAMY HOT: May 26, 9th race, \$5,985. T SIZZLE: May 13, 1st race, \$2,565; May 25, 8th race, \$2,205. (\$11,952)

Jennifer H. Pitts—BROAD REACH: May 18, 8th race, \$2,059.20.

Bobby L. Plummer—IAM A DANCER: May 10, 4th race, \$594.

Patricia L. Ramey and Maciej Szwarc—PINK NOTION: May 12, 1st race, \$2,079.

R C Park Racing Stable Inc.—MAJORIE MUGS: May 26, 3rd race, \$594.

Sagamore Farm LLC—ALL I KARABOUT: May 25, 3rd race, \$3,933. BRING ME ANSWERS: May 19, 2nd race, \$1,716. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: May 18, 8th race, \$10,670.40. FEEL PROUD: May 24, 1st race, \$1,575. RULE YOURSELF: May 12, 4th race, \$1,386. (\$19,280.40)

Steven Spike—LOVE IN EXCESS: May 27, 3rd race, \$2,565.

Mrs. Jean Stearn—PUNCH NEPHEW: May 13, 3rd race, \$495.

John D. Stuart—BELFOUR: May 19, 6th race, \$3,276.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—DADDY'S COZY: May 27, 4th race, \$5,643. GIRLS LOVE ME: May 12, 7th race, \$5,643. VICTORY RALLY: May 26, 9th race, \$2,205. (\$13,491)

Thornmar Farm and Tim Keefe—STILL HAVING FUN: May 19, 8th race, \$6,000.

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—ENCHANTED EVENING: May 25, 9th race, \$871.20.

Lyndley Turnbull—EL DANIEL T: May 26, 5th race, \$1,701.

Gregory Viands—SENSATIONAL NOTION: May 11, 6th race, \$3,078; May 26, 6th race, \$1,449. (\$4,527)

Winding Creek Farm—FIERY CHALLENGE: May 27, 1st race, \$3,078/\$2,052. (\$5,130)



Eric J. Wirth—NOTABLE GAME: May 12, 5th race, \$2,565; May 24, 4th race, \$945. (\$3,510)  
Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CLARE'S DOWERY: May 10, 3rd race, \$4,104; May 19, 2nd race, \$3,276. (\$7,380)  
Lana Wright and Two Legends Farm—FALL-INGINLOVEAGAIN: May 11, 2nd race, \$5,643/\$3,762. (\$9,405)  
Linda Zang—LEWISFIELD: May 19, 10th race \$3,000.

### Stallion bonuses

BUFFUM (No Refunds: May 17, 4th race, \$840): Buffum Syndicate.  
CAL NATION (Earned It: May 12, 9th race, \$525): Cal Nation Syndicate.  
CHEROKEE'S BOY (Dr Bolt: May 18, 6th race, \$1,310.40. Majorie Mugs: May 26, 3rd race, \$198): ZWP Stable—\$1,508.40.  
CUBA (Love in Excess: May 27, 3rd race, \$855): J&S Stables, LLC.  
DESPITE THE ODDS (Bagels and Lox: May 25, 9th race, \$554.40. Meo Desperado: May 17, 6th race, \$308): R. Larry Johnson—\$862.40.  
ETCHED (Pictura: May 26, 7th race, \$378): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership.  
FREEDOM CHILD (Freedom Storm: May 17, 2nd race, \$165): Freedom Child Syndicate.  
FRIESAN FIRE (Estrella Grande: May 10, 4th race, \$378. Fiery Challenge: May 27, 1st race, \$1,026. Glad Dad: May 12, 7th race, \$693; May 28, 1st race, \$693. Hot Friesia: May 12, 3rd race, \$1,881. Janes Brew: May 12, 5th race, \$315. She'slikethewind: May 26, 10th race, \$363): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$5,349.  
GREAT NOTION (Apolodorodedamasco: May 25, 8th race, \$385. Broad Reach: May 18, 8th race, \$686.40. Conjecture: May 19, 2nd race, \$2,964. Have Hope: May 28, 4th race, \$969. Hopkins Choice: May 11, 6th race, \$378. Lewisfield: May 19, 10th race, \$1,000. Major Metro:

May 11, 2nd race, \$693. Notable Game: May 12, 5th race, \$855; May 24, 4th race, \$315. Pink Notion: May 12, 1st race, \$693. Rare Notion: May 24, 7th race, \$440. Sensational Notion: May 11, 6th race, \$1,026; May 26, 6th race, \$483): Great Notion Syndicate—\$10,887.40.  
LION HEARTED (Northern Prancer: May 24, 6th race, \$525. Willie B Mine: May 19, 3rd race, \$605): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$1,130.  
LOUIS QUATORZE (Iam a Dancer: May 10, 4th race, \$198): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.  
NOT FOR LOVE (Fallinginloveagain: May 11, 2nd race, \$1,881. Fleet Gold Digger: May 25, 8th race, \$1,995. Madam Alex: May 26, 3rd race, \$378. Platinum Pound: May 11, 2nd race, \$363): Not For Love Syndicate—\$4,617.  
ORIENTATE (Cut Time: May 28, 2nd race, \$297): Orientate Syndicate.  
OUTFLANKER (Donna's Delight: May 24, 9th race, \$290.40. Sofranko: May 26, 5th race, \$297): Outflanker Syndicate—\$587.40.  
REDEEMED (Dear Charlotte: May 27, 3rd race, \$165. Redeemed Gentleman: May 13, 10th race, \$290.40. Redeemed Gentleman: May 27, 1st race, \$198. She's Achance Too: May 25, 6th race, \$1,596): Redeemed Syndicate—\$2,249.40.  
ROCK SLIDE (Punch Nephew: May 13, 3rd race, \$165): Shamrock Farms.  
SCIPION (Crazy Wild Bill: May 17, 2nd race, \$315. Grandiflora: May 19, 4th race, \$605. In Arrears: May 18, 6th race, \$3,556.80): Scipion Syndicate—\$4,476.80.  
STREET MAGICIAN (Go Magician Go: May 11, 7th race, \$242. Lippi Lorenzo: May 28, 1st race, \$1,881. Shiira Magician: May 10, 3rd race, \$504. Singinginstilletto: May 28, 7th race, \$693): R. Larry Johnson—\$3,320.  
UNBRIDLED MATE (Unbridled Escape: May 11, 1st race, \$1,026): J & S Stables LLC.

## Missy White Oak gone

Our Mims Retirement Haven, a nonprofit sanctuary for retired Thoroughbred broodmares in Paris, Ky., and home to Maryland-bred Missy White Oak since 2009, notified her fans in mid-May that the 29-year-old mare had “passed peacefully on the farm.”

A daughter of longtime Maryland stallion Baederwood, Missy White Oak captured the Maryland Million Lassie at 2 and won or placed in 21 of 37 starts, earning \$141,150. Bred by Gilbert Hahn's Meeting House Farm, she was out of the Tarleton Oak mare Miss White Oak.

Missy White Oak only produced three foals over a 14-year breeding career, but one was graded stakes winner and \$437,215-earner Madame Pietra, by Roy, born in 1997.

The mare arrived at Our Mims with her pasturemate, Ms. Stalwart, when her previous owner could no longer afford to care for her. OMRH noted she “was featured at Keeneland's Breakfast with the Works on April 14. She enjoyed meeting her old fans and making new ones.”

Said farm founder and owner Jeanne Mirabito: “Missy White Oak died as she lived: on her own terms. I am blessed to have known her. She will be missed.”

Missy White Oak was buried in the farm cemetery.



## Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland  
Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

| Purse \$ | 1st place earns \$ | 1st place breeder bonus \$ | 2nd place earns \$ | 2nd place breeder bonus \$ | 3rd place earns \$ | 3rd place breeder bonus \$ |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 14000    | 7980               | 2394                       | 2940               | 882                        | 1540               | 462                        |
| 14500    | 8265               | 2479.50                    | 3045               | 913.50                     | 1595               | 478.50                     |
| 15000    | 8550               | 2565                       | 3150               | 945                        | 1650               | 495                        |
| 15500    | 8835               | 2650.50                    | 3255               | 976.50                     | 1705               | 511.50                     |
| 16000    | 9120               | 2736                       | 3360               | 1008                       | 1760               | 528                        |
| 16500    | 9405               | 2821.50                    | 3465               | 1039.50                    | 1815               | 544.50                     |
| 17000    | 9690               | 2907                       | 3570               | 1071                       | 1870               | 561                        |
| 17500    | 9975               | 2992.50                    | 3675               | 1102.50                    | 1925               | 577.50                     |
| 18000    | 10260              | 3078                       | 3780               | 1134                       | 1980               | 594                        |
| 18500    | 10545              | 3163.50                    | 3885               | 1165.50                    | 2035               | 610.50                     |
| 19000    | 10830              | 3249                       | 3990               | 1197                       | 2090               | 627                        |
| 19500    | 11115              | 3334.50                    | 4095               | 1228.50                    | 2145               | 643.50                     |
| 20000    | 11400              | 3420                       | 4200               | 1260                       | 2200               | 660                        |
| 21000    | 11970              | 3591                       | 4410               | 1323                       | 2310               | 693                        |
| 22000    | 12540              | 3762                       | 4620               | 1386                       | 2420               | 726                        |
| 23000    | 13110              | 3933                       | 4830               | 1449                       | 2530               | 759                        |
| 24000    | 13680              | 4104                       | 5040               | 1512                       | 2640               | 792                        |
| 25000    | 14250              | 4275                       | 5250               | 1575                       | 2750               | 825                        |
| 26000    | 14820              | 4446                       | 5460               | 1638                       | 2860               | 858                        |
| 27000    | 15390              | 4617                       | 5670               | 1701                       | 2970               | 891                        |
| 28000    | 15960              | 4788                       | 5880               | 1764                       | 3080               | 924                        |
| 29000    | 16530              | 4959                       | 6090               | 1827                       | 3190               | 957                        |
| 30000    | 17100              | 5130                       | 6300               | 1890                       | 3300               | 990                        |
| 31000    | 17670              | 5301                       | 6510               | 1953                       | 3410               | 1023                       |
| 32000    | 18240              | 5472                       | 6720               | 2016                       | 3520               | 1056                       |

| Purse \$ | 1st place earns \$ | 1st place breeder bonus \$ | 2nd place earns \$ | 2nd place breeder bonus \$ | 3rd place earns \$ | 3rd place breeder bonus \$ |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 33000    | 18810              | 5643                       | 6930               | 2079                       | 3630               | 1089                       |
| 34000    | 19380              | 5814                       | 7140               | 2142                       | 3740               | 1122                       |
| 35000    | 19950              | 5985                       | 7350               | 2205                       | 3850               | 1155                       |
| 36000    | 20520              | 6156                       | 7560               | 2268                       | 3960               | 1188                       |
| 37000    | 21090              | 6327                       | 7770               | 2331                       | 4070               | 1221                       |
| 38000    | 21660              | 6498                       | 7980               | 2394                       | 4180               | 1254                       |
| 39000    | 22230              | 6669                       | 8190               | 2457                       | 4290               | 1287                       |
| 40000    | 22800              | 6840                       | 8400               | 2520                       | 4400               | 1320                       |
| 41000    | 23370              | 7011                       | 8610               | 2583                       | 4510               | 1353                       |
| 42000    | 23940              | 7182                       | 8820               | 2646                       | 4620               | 1386                       |
| 43000    | 24510              | 7353                       | 9030               | 2709                       | 4730               | 1419                       |
| 44000    | 25080              | 7524                       | 9240               | 2772                       | 4840               | 1452                       |
| 45000    | 25650              | 7695                       | 9450               | 2835                       | 4950               | 1485                       |
| 46000    | 26220              | 7866                       | 9660               | 2898                       | 5060               | 1518                       |
| 47000    | 26790              | 8037                       | 9870               | 2961                       | 5170               | 1551                       |
| 48000    | 27360              | 8208                       | 10080              | 3024                       | 5280               | 1584                       |
| 49000    | 27930              | 8379                       | 10290              | 3087                       | 5390               | 1617                       |
| 50000    | 28500              | 8550                       | 10500              | 3150                       | 5500               | 1650                       |
| 51000    | 29070              | 8721                       | 10710              | 3213                       | 5610               | 1683                       |
| 52000    | 29640              | 8892                       | 10920              | 3276                       | 5720               | 1716                       |
| 53000    | 30210              | 9063                       | 11130              | 3339                       | 5830               | 1749                       |
| 54000    | 30780              | 9234                       | 11340              | 3402                       | 5940               | 1782                       |
| 55000    | 31350              | 9405                       | 11550              | 3465                       | 6050               | 1815                       |
| 56000    | 31920              | 9576                       | 11760              | 3528                       | 6160               | 1848                       |
| 57000    | 32490              | 9747                       | 11970              | 3591                       | 6270               | 1881                       |

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race. Maryland-bred bonuses for Maryland Million Day are calculated separately.

As of 01/01/2016; subject to semi-annual review by Maryland Racing Commission



# Thoroughbred Career Program: Reflections on Year Two

By Jordyn Egan

**T**he Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program wrapped up its second season June 9. A strong group of six equine-inclined college students made the most of the opportunity. They showed up each morning ready to learn and headed home at the end of the week exhausted but full of dreams.

The MTCP is more than an internship. It is a chance to spend six days fully immersed in all aspects of the Maryland Thoroughbred industry—meeting people, learning new things, mulling options, making a plan. The program would not be possible without the generosity of our hosts, and we are forever grateful for the kindness and hospitality. The willingness to take time with the group made a difference, which is illustrated by the testimonials.

MTCP will continue to be promoted in Maryland and across the country, with the goal to bring more awareness to the robust and welcoming Maryland Thoroughbred industry. Fundraising efforts will also continue to provide meaningful support to the young adults coming through our programs as the future of our industry. Perhaps most importantly, we will serve as a conduit between the talented young people we have met in the past two years and the industry they hope to join.

Have a job opening? Let us know. We probably know a great candidate.

## 2018 MTCP Testimonials

### Camille Lee

My experience with the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program was truly memorable and really helped me shape my career goals.

Throughout the week, I was able to speak one-on-one with professionals in all facets of the Thoroughbred industry. Learning about what their profession entails on a day-to-day basis as well as what they accomplished in order to be successful really helped me see what I want to be a part of.

I was amazed (and still am) at the number of jobs in the industry; without participating in the 2018 MTCP, I would still be trying to understand all of the different careers I am interested in; instead I feel much more confident about my future.

To anyone interested in the Thoroughbred industry, I would highly recommend applying for the MTCP; it was an amazing experience, and I am so thankful for the opportunity!



2018 MTCP class at Country Life Farm (from left): Kandace Tignor, Lauren Carter, Brianna Higgs, Farrah Staebell, Camille Lee and Amber Roher with Erin Butler of the Community College of Baltimore County.

### Farrah Staebell

The Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program allowed me to delve into the many unexplored facets of the Thoroughbred industry and gain experiences I might not have had the opportunity to encounter, including sales, track management, and rehabilitation. I was able to gain important connections and new tools that I can carry with me for the rest of my career.

My favorite part of the program was the diversity it provides. Although I am studying to be a veterinarian, each and every individual I met, be it a jockey, track manager, or horse breeder, gave me valuable advice that I can apply in my work. The most important things I learned during the MTCP couldn't come from a textbook or class, but only from years of errors and successes that our hosts had experienced. It was truly incredible to see how open these individuals were to share the lessons that they had learned and to be mentors for the future generation of the industry. I came out of the MTCP with dozens of new connections in all aspects of the industry who are willing to guide me through any path I choose.

### Lauren Carter

The MTCP is an amazing program that allows participants to learn more about employment in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry. It made me rethink my career path, and opened my eyes to the size and ability of the horse industry to provide sustainable jobs.

As someone who always knew I would have to work with horses as a career, I

thought I needed to get either a DVM or PhD. I was set on a PhD, but the program allowed me to discover jobs I would love doing that don't require another degree. It has also helped me to discover my love for racing and excitement to get out to the track.

We met some amazing and well-respected members of the industry who shared important information to steer us to our niche. I plan to stay updated on races and news within the industry, and to keep contacts with those who had the greatest impact on me.

### Brianna Higgs

When I began the application for the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program I was excited for the possibilities I believed it would provide, but after completing the week, I can say that it has provided so much more than just possibilities.

This program opens doors into the Thoroughbred industry that I did not even know existed. From traveling to the many different successful breeding and training programs to exploring the workings of a major racetrack, the MTCP has provided me and my fellow participants with connections to some of the most welcoming, passionate, and knowledgeable people.

I have no doubt that I will be able to find my place within the industry after completing this program. I have gained great friends and mentors from the week, and for that I will forever be grateful to have been a part of the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program. I would recommend this program to anyone inter-



ested in even the smallest aspect of the Thoroughbred industry.

#### Amber Roher

My experience in the MTCP was wonderful! I went into the program with an open mind and continued to have one throughout the week. This program helped me narrow down the career path that I want to follow.

The program showed the many different viewpoints and paths that have lead individuals to be successful in the equine industry. This was a great experience, and I'm so thankful that I was able to participate.

#### Kandace Tignor

The MTCP was an incredible opportunity for me to see what's out there and meet our industry professionals. The horse industry is also a people industry, so it's so important to build these connec-

tions now for a meaningful career in the future.

I saw careers and aspects I didn't even know existed, and I even landed an amazing summer job at a breeding farm because of the people I met in this program. This is a great opportunity for any goal-oriented person who wants to see what's out there.



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## MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

### I'm Betty G takes charge in Lady Canterbury Stakes

**M**aking her first start at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minn., Three Diamonds Farm's I'm Betty G took control after the first half-mile of the Lady Canterbury Stakes and held off six rivals to win by 1½ lengths, in 1:35.44 for a mile on the turf. It was the second stakes win for the 4-year-old daughter of Into Mischief.

Last summer I'm Betty G made her stakes debut in Laurel Park's Pearl Necklace, for Maryland-bred fillies on the turf at 1½ miles, and led throughout to win by a nose over Riley's Choice. Since then, the Mike Maker trainee has started nine times at eight tracks and hit the board in seven stakes, including thirds in the Pin Oak Valley View Stakes at Keeneland and the

Commonwealth Oaks at Laurel (both Grade 3). In her start before the trip to Minnesota, she won a Belmont Park turf allowance at 7 furlongs.

Bred by Carol Kaye and Boyce Stable, who bred and raced her winning dam Lady in Ermine (by Honour and Glory), I'm Betty G made her first three starts on dirt for Todd Pletcher before being switched to the turf by new trainer Maker for a maiden claiming victory at Indiana Downs in May 2017.

A \$27,000 Fasig-Tipton Midatlantic yearling sale purchase, I'm Betty G sold for \$150,000 at the May sale to Three Diamonds Farm. She improved to 14-4-1-5 for earnings of \$270,465.

### Peach of a Gal takes Delaware Park's Christiana Stakes

**G**lenangus Farm's homebred Peach of a Gal got up in the final strides to win the \$50,000 Christiana Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Delaware Park June 20.

The daughter of Curlin recorded her first stakes victory by a length and returned \$34. Final time for the about 1½ miles over a firm turf course was 1:42.39, less than a second off the 22-year-old record.

Trained by Graham Motion, Peach of a Gal had two prior stakes attempts—an off-the-board finish in the Florida Oaks-G3 in March, her stakes debut, and a third in the \$100,000 Hilltop over the Pimlico turf course on May 18 in her previous start.

"She is a nice filly," said winning rider Jorge Vargas Jr. "With every race she is developing more and more. The last time I rode her at Pimlico, the turf was way too heavy for her because of the rain. She tried on it, but she just was not herself."

A daughter of Richetta (by Polish Numbers), Peach of a Gal is a full-sister to multiple stakes-placed Cu Rahy and a half-sister to four-time stakes winner and graded stakes-

placed Concealed Identity, an earner of \$461,140.

Richetta, 17, has been a resident of Tom and Chris Bowman's Dance Forth Farm since retiring in 2005 after racing for Higgins and Bowman Stable. In three seasons on the track, Richetta started 18 times, 16 in stakes, won the Maryland Million Lassie, Heavenly Cause and Selima stakes on her way to being named 2003 Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly, and added a victory in the Twin Lights Stakes at 3. She retired with earnings of \$296,848 while finishing on the board in 13 of her starts.

Peach of a Gal is the first of the mare's foals bred by Jim Dresher's Glenangus Farm. The mare has since produced a 2016 colt by Broken Vow named Dynastic, who has yet to start; a filly by Imagining in 2017; and delivered a full-sister to Concealed Identity (by Smarty Jones) this past May.

Peach of a Gal broke her maiden at Tampa Bay Downs on the turf in December, and added a turf allowance at Laurel Park in May. The stakes victory raised her record to three wins from eight starts, for earnings of \$75,750.



## Maryland-bred top earners in 2018

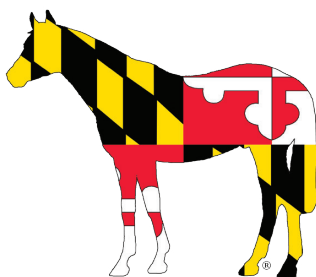
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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Still Having Fun . . . \$387,250 | 11. Eastern Bay . . . \$86,917  |
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| 4. Our Braintrust . . . 116,640     | 14. Whereshetoldmetogo . 81,320 |
| 5. Lewisfield . . . 108,345         | 15. In Arrears . . . 79,587     |
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## Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on July 5 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2018. † denotes freshman sire.

### Earnings in 2018

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings    |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------------|
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 79   | 363    | 39   | 51   | \$1,729,348 |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 75   | 259    | 32   | 46   | 1,530,032   |
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 58   | 247    | 27   | 33   | 851,405     |
| Orientate . . . . .       | 54   | 231    | 24   | 32   | 746,217     |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 47   | 163    | 15   | 20   | 577,734     |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 36   | 170    | 17   | 18   | 415,015     |
| Redeemed . . . . .        | 33   | 123    | 11   | 13   | 399,068     |
| Freedom Child . . . . .   | 19   | 78     | 9    | 10   | 336,049     |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 30   | 110    | 9    | 10   | 298,218     |
| Scipion . . . . .         | 23   | 102    | 5    | 6    | 239,531     |
| Despite the Odds . . . .  | 15   | 72     | 9    | 10   | 229,673     |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 21   | 82     | 5    | 6    | 200,639     |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 16   | 59     | 5    | 6    | 173,040     |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 17   | 64     | 5    | 6    | 138,540     |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 12   | 52     | 4    | 4    | 124,671     |
| Cuba . . . . .            | 4    | 26     | 2    | 3    | 122,960     |
| Nicanor . . . . .         | 11   | 36     | 6    | 6    | 116,435     |

### 2-year-old earnings in 2018

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------|----------|
| Buffum . . . . .          | 1    | 4      | 1    | 1    | \$53,080 |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 2    | 6      | 1    | 1    | 40,912   |
| †Tritap . . . . .         | 4    | 4      | 2    | 2    | 39,009   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 3    | 6      | 0    | 0    | 36,229   |
| Redeemed . . . . .        | 2    | 2      | 1    | 1    | 30,180   |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 2    | 6      | 0    | 0    | 26,598   |
| Freedom Child . . . . .   | 3    | 4      | 1    | 1    | 16,960   |

### Earnings lifetime

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins  | Earnings     |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|--------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 834  | 18,633 | 671  | 2,779 | \$77,624,973 |
| Two Punch . . . . .       | 938  | 18,277 | 733  | 2,683 | 55,229,765   |
| Orientate . . . . .       | 657  | 13,175 | 509  | 1,938 | 45,584,515   |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 648  | 13,936 | 505  | 1,884 | 44,162,448   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 770  | 14,694 | 571  | 1,938 | 37,418,182   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 503  | 9,526  | 385  | 1,309 | 29,516,188   |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 426  | 9,130  | 318  | 1,290 | 28,443,346   |
| Waquoit . . . . .         | 484  | 11,425 | 368  | 1,522 | 26,927,840   |
| Go for Gin . . . . .      | 322  | 6,183  | 214  | 729   | 19,258,147   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 225  | 3,149  | 172  | 527   | 16,162,071   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 218  | 3,721  | 147  | 415   | 10,790,837   |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 124  | 1,657  | 90   | 220   | 6,696,361    |
| Scipion . . . . .         | 108  | 2,307  | 67   | 265   | 5,957,036    |
| Mojave Moon . . . . .     | 154  | 3,097  | 106  | 338   | 5,927,561    |
| Gators N Bears . . . . .  | 124  | 1,893  | 71   | 232   | 5,906,535    |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 83   | 1,126  | 60   | 141   | 4,359,695    |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 74   | 1,419  | 49   | 144   | 3,888,651    |

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

|                          | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings    |
|--------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .   | 365  | 1,164  | 139  | 186  | \$6,956,746 |
| Two Punch . . . . .      | 449  | 1,447  | 164  | 207  | 5,686,112   |
| Orientate . . . . .      | 359  | 1,124  | 136  | 178  | 5,165,619   |
| Petionville . . . . .    | 372  | 1,153  | 121  | 150  | 4,780,519   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . . | 337  | 1,041  | 104  | 130  | 3,491,717   |
| Outflanker . . . . .     | 222  | 897    | 91   | 122  | 3,337,996   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .   | 222  | 719    | 80   | 110  | 3,054,041   |
| Waquoit . . . . .        | 204  | 694    | 59   | 84   | 2,000,531   |
| Great Notion . . . . .   | 81   | 245    | 31   | 45   | 1,767,334   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .     | 92   | 296    | 24   | 35   | 1,070,760   |
| Scipion . . . . .        | 57   | 235    | 25   | 33   | 1,019,852   |
| Go for Gin . . . . .     | 162  | 528    | 32   | 39   | 982,754     |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .   | 66   | 204    | 20   | 22   | 976,115     |





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# Chublicious impressive in Mr. Prospector Stakes

By Tom LaMarra

**B**rittlyn Stable's venerable New Jersey-bred Chublicious took top honors in the \$75,000 Mr. Prospector Stakes at Monmouth Park.

Chublicious, in his first start for Belmont Park-based trainer David Cannizzo, rallied from fourth early under Antonio Gallardo to collect his first win of the year after two second-place finishes in stakes. The 7-year-old gelding dueled with Lewisfield the length of the stretch and edged away to win by a half-length in 1:09.92 for 6 furlongs on a track rated fast.

Linda Zang's Lewisfield, a Maryland-bred who has never been worse than third in nine starts, took the lead at will from Delta Bluesman heading into the far turn and battled gamely for jockey Arnoldo Bocachica and trainer Jeff Runco. Lewisfield had 2 lengths on fellow Maryland-bred Laki, who rallied from last to third.

"I loved that early speed duel," Gallardo said. "I know this horse. I know he likes to come off the pace a little bit – not too far behind it but

a little bit off of it. Everything came together perfectly with two horses going head to head and a lot of speed in the race. From the three-eighths pole I knew I had a lot of horse. He's a tough horse. He loves to win."

It was the 11th win in 27 starts for Chublicious, who won the Grade 3 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Stakes at Laurel Park last September.

Chublicious, by New Jersey stallion Hey Chub out of Sassy Broad, was bred in New Jersey by Joe-Dan Farm. He pushed his earnings to \$620,754.



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## Irish Strait wins Dan Horn Handicap



**I**rish Strait, the 2017 New Jersey-bred champion turf runner, made his return to the Monmouth Park winner's circle in the \$60,000 Dan Horn Handicap on Father's Day, June 17. The 6-year-old gelding by English Channel out of Irish Sovereign,

by Polish Numbers, was bred by his owner, Isabelle de Tomaso.

Irish Strait was coming off a photo finish loss in the Cliff Hanger Stakes May 5.

"Antonio Gallardo rode him flawlessly. He moved at just the right time," said Elizabeth Silva, assistant to trainer Graham Motion. "This horse likes to be close and there was a lot of speed and it was outside of him, which is not the ideal set-up for him, but Antonio worked it out and didn't fight him and let the horse do his job."

"The last time I rode him I waited a little bit too long," said winning jockey Antonio Gallardo. "That's why he was second by a nose. It was kind of a nice, easy pace early and I felt it was time to go when I did. He was actually dragging me. You really don't want to fight him when he is ready to go so I decided it was time and it was the right move this time. I made a

mistake one time with him but not the second time."

The 1-2 favorite, Irish Strait was followed home by Golden Brown and Fuzzy Muzzle in the field of nine New Jersey-bred older runners.

## Oak Bluffs takes Pennsylvania Governor's Cup

By Tom LaMarra

**O**ak Bluffs, an 8-year-old New Jersey-bred gelding, went to the top of the MATCH Series leaderboard with a sharp victory in the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National Race Course June 2.

The bay gelding earned 10 points in the Governor's Cup, the second of five races in the 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint-Turf Division, and five for his third-place finish in the \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint May 26 at Pimlico.

Ridden by Paco Lopez, Oak Bluffs rated off a quick early pace in the 5-furlong turf stakes, moved up along the inside on the far turn, got caught along the rail, then angled outside to make his run at the top of the stretch. He rallied past eventual third-place finisher Pool Winner and held off a rallying Dubini by three-quarters of a length.

Bred in New Jersey by Patricia Generazio, Oak Bluffs is owned and trained by Mary Eppler, who claimed him for \$5,000 at Laurel Park Nov. 26, 2015. He has made 20 starts for Eppler since, finishing in the top three 14 times and earning nearly \$300,000.

"This was fun," Eppler said. "I think he's better off going a little longer [than 5 furlongs], but I think we'll look at the Parx Dash. He doesn't like soft turf [like he got at Pimlico when he finished third]. He's getting better and better. Was it his best race? Yes."

Oak Bluffs made his 43rd career start in the \$200,000 Parx Dash July 7 and failed to rally after having to steady on the far turn. He finished sixth behind the top three finishers Vision Perfect, Pool Winner and odds-on choice Pure Sensation.



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## Veteran Monmouth Park trainer and longtime breeder Joe Pierce Jr. dies at 90

Joe H. Pierce Jr., a fixture in the Monmouth Park training ranks since the late 1960s, died June 7 following a lengthy illness. He would have been 91 on June 24.

The son of a trainer, Pierce took out his training license in 1956 and saddled the winners of 2,256 races, with earnings of \$36,363,939 during a distinguished career. His first stakes win came with Abby's Crown in 1963. Stable stars over the decades were led by Friendly Lover, one of just 11 New Jersey-bred millionaires and a member of the New Jersey-bred Hall of Fame, and Grecian Flight, a Cormorant filly bred and owned by Henry Lindh who won the Grade 1 Acorn, Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan and 12 other stakes, placed in nine more, and earned \$1.3 million. Pierce won stakes with Grecian Flight's son French Vintage, whom he bred in partnership with Lindh.

Private Treasure, a filly bred by his father J.H. Pierce Sr. and Lin-Drake Farm, set a stakes record in winning the Grade 2 Alcibiades Stakes at Keeneland in 1990 and followed with a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 behind champion Meadow Star.

Private Treasure was a New Jersey-bred champion, as was three-time champion Friendly Lover, two-time champion sprinter Girl Powder and Paradise Tonight, all bred by Pierce in partnership. He sent out more than 60 stakes winners including Night Invader, one of the top runners at 2 and 3 in

the late 1960s, with wins in the Washington Park Handicap and Tyro Stakes.

Pierce ranks as one of the Meadowlands' all-time leading trainers by number of wins and was the leading trainer at the track by earnings in 1982.

"He was a great horseman and a fabulous guy," said trainer Chuck Spina, who shared Barn 14 with Pierce on the Monmouth Park backstretch for the past two decades. "He has always been one of my idols. He had so many great horses over the years. He was an old-school type of trainer who had the ability to adapt to whatever the times were."

Pierce's father, Joe Sr., started as a jockey, worked for more than 20 years with James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons, galloped the likes of Triple Crown winners Gallant Fox and Omaha, and counted among horses he trained stakes winner Nouredin, who finished third in the 1958 Kentucky Derby. The senior Pierce died at age 92 in 1998.

A licensed pilot, Pierce Jr. joined the Navy at the age of 17 and was a World War II veteran.

Monmouth Park honored him with the prestigious Virgil "Buddy" Raines Distinguished Achievement Award in 1999.

Pierce was still active as a trainer during the current meeting, saddling a winner from four starters.

## Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey statement on sports betting

As of this morning (June 14) the breeding and racing industry in New Jersey began a new life. Sports betting in New Jersey and throughout the country began a new era. In New Jersey, the breeding industry was suffering from a diminished crop of state bred foals and farms were disappearing from lack of business, but now opportunities in both areas are open to new beginnings.

We can thank Dennis Drazin and the State of New Jersey for their tireless efforts in achieving this monumental goal. For seven years Dennis dreamt it, believed it, and brought it to fruition. On behalf of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association

of New Jersey, thank you for helping us achieve our dream of a flourishing foal crop in New Jersey and success in all aspects of the racing industry.

As a breeder of over 40 years and President of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey, thank you Dennis Drazin and the State of New Jersey.

Mildred Fleming, President  
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# North Carolina



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August 2018

## President's message

Congratulations to Nancy Shuford, breeder of Beach Patrol, for winning the Kentucky-Bred Champion Award for 2017 Turf Male Horse. In April, Nancy was presented a bronze award created by Ms. Emma McDermott in the Keeneland Room at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky. The Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Inc. and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association presented the honor. Of course, Nancy didn't report this to me, but while I was at Belmont, a mutual reporter friend of ours mentioned it. So, with a little research, I found more information.

With permission from the presenters, this is what they had to say about Beach Patrol in their Annual Kentucky Champion Awards Luncheon program:

Turf Male - BEACH PATROL (Lemon Drop Kid—Bashful Bertie, by Quiet American)

Breeder: Nancy C. Shuford

"The second foal of his dam Bashful Bertie, from the well-respected 'Bertie family,' Beach Patrol was picked out of the 2013 Keeneland November Sale by agent Ben Glass, who signed the \$250,000 ticket. Making only two starts at 2, Beach Patrol became a model of consistency at the Grade 1 level the next two seasons, amassing over \$2.4 million, and has won or placed in eight Grade 1 events. Last season, the 4-year-old raced for the partnership of James Covello, Head of Plains Partners and Sheep Pond Partners, who had purchased the colt privately in May the previous year. One of the best grass horses in North America last year, Beach Patrol was an Eclipse finalist for Champion Turf Male, finishing as runner-up in the voting. After some

## Lipstick City takes Gulfstream's Christmas Past Stakes



Lipstick City becomes a two-time stakes winner with her victory in the Christmas Past Stakes at Gulfstream Park in May. The City Zip filly runs for member Steve Laymon and partners.

Congratulations to NCTA member Steve Laymon, one of the owners of a four-owner partnership of Lipstick City, for winning the \$75,000 Christmas Past Stakes at Gulfstream Park May 31. The 4-year-old City Zip mare ran a mile over a firm turf course in 1:36.77 under the guidance of jockey Miguel Vasquez, winning by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  lengths.

Unhurried early, the winner trailed the field behind fractions of :23.08, :46.57 and 1:11.07. Coming into the far turn,

Vasquez cut the corner at the rail, ducked into a pocket, and with a quick turn of foot, leaped to the lead and kicked clear for the decisive victory.

This is Lipstick City's second stakes win. The first came in Monmouth Park's Boiling Spring Stakes in July 2017 when trained by Chad Brown. This is her first victory with current trainer David Fawkes.



## President's Message *continued*

very close finishes, he posted a game half-length win in Arlington Million-G1 and kicked away from 10 stout rivals to take the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic-G1 by 5 lengths. Beach Patrol truly showed his mettle in the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 as he

held a half-length advantage deep into the stretch and fought to the wire only to miss by a half-length to a European invader. Losing nothing in defeat, Beach Patrol certainly proved that he belonged in the conversation for year-end honors. "

Beach Patrol was in the company of other winners such as Arrogate, West Coast, Lady Eli and Gun Runner, just to name a few. I want to thank the KTOB and the KTA for allowing me to use their copy.



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Nancy Shuford-bred Graycaster, trained by Jerry Hollendorfer, won back-to-back races at Santa Anita Park on June 1 and June 23.



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Faithinvictoria, bred by Michael Stone, scored at Parx Racing June 11.



North Carolina-bred Slightly Topsy broke her maiden at Monmouth Park June 2. The 3-year-old Uncle Mo filly was bred by Frank Batten.

### HITTING THE BOARD: May 29 - June 25, 2018

| Date    | Horse                | Track               | Finished | Race Type                                           | Owner/Breeder                         |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5/31/18 | Lipstick City        | Gulfstream Park     | 1        | Christmas Past Stakes (Black Type) 1 mile turf      | Owned by Steve Laymon with partners   |
| 6/1/18  | Graycaster           | Santa Anita         | 1        | Claiming 6 1/2 furlongs                             | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/1/18  | You Secret's Safe    | Belmont Park        | 3        | Claiming 1 mile                                     | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/2/18  | Slightly Topsy (NC)  | Monmouth Park       | 1        | Maiden Claiming 5 furlongs                          | Bred by Frank Batten                  |
| 6/7/18  | Artifful Move        | Presque Isle Downs  | 2        | Maiden Claiming 1 mile                              | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/8/18  | Texas Wedge          | Santa Anita         | 3        | Allowance Optional Claiming (no tag) 6 1/2 furlongs | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/9/18  | Double the Cheers    | Parx Racing         | 3        | Claiming 6 furlongs                                 | Bred by Beth Muirhead                 |
| 6/11/18 | Faithinvictoria      | Parx Racing         | 1        | Waiver Claiming 6 1/2 furlongs                      | Bred by Michael Stone                 |
| 6/14/18 | Silver Shaker        | Belmont Park        | 2        | Allowance 1 1/16 miles turf                         | Owned by Steve Laymon with partners   |
| 6/16/18 | Mopotism             | Churchill Downs     | 3        | Fleur De Lis Handicap (GII) 1 1/8 miles             | Bred by Frank Batten                  |
| 6/17/18 | Nancy Littlebit (NC) | Camarero Race Track | 3        | Claiming 1 mile                                     | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/22/18 | Dionysus' Chalice    | Charles Town        | 3        | Allowance 4 1/2 furlongs                            | Bred & owned by Clint Lowry           |
| 6/23/18 | Graycaster           | Santa Anita         | 1        | Allowance Optional Claiming (no tag) 6 furlongs     | Bred by Nancy Shuford                 |
| 6/24/18 | Nickie's Papa        | Belterra Park       | 2        | Claiming 5 1/2 furlongs                             | Owned by Frank Coniglio with partners |

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## Outstanding humanitarian and Ohio breeder-owner

### Dr. Paul Gutheil succumbs at 78

**D**r. Paul R. Gutheil, 78, an owner and breeder of Thoroughbred horses in Central Ohio for the past 40 years, passed away June 23.

Dr. Gutheil campaigned many stakes horses, such as Polite Lil Sir, Brooke's Tap Shoes, Crypto's Twinjet, Hamlets Ghost and Blues Fan. His most memorable, Crypto's Redjet, was voted Ohio Horse of the Year twice (1996-97) and Champion Handicap Mare (1996-97). Dr. Gutheil and his wife Jimilea and their four children resided on their farm "Willow Springs" in Galloway, Ohio, where he bred, boarded, and trained Thoroughbreds.

"Doc" as he was known to many at the racetrack, went shopping for a broodmare prospect in Kentucky in 1989 and little did he know he'd be picking up a future foundation mare in Doc's Lear Jet—as well as a new partner. "Ron [DeWolfe] had told me that he wanted to get in the racing game," said Gutheil at the time. "I didn't even know he was at the Fasig-Tipton sale until he tapped me on the shoulder and said he wanted half of the filly I had just purchased." The filly won two of her three career starts for the partners the next year at 3 before being retired.



Dr. Gutheil and DeWolfe would share many winning days with her first foal—Crypto's Redjet. Unplaced in her only start at 2 that December, she won four of her 11 starts her next season. Her career really took off as a 4-year-old, capping a six-win season with a victory in the Best of Ohio Distaff while earning \$125,605. Things for the daughter of Cryptoclearance would only get better at 5 when she

recorded five stakes victories, including the state's two richest for fillies and mares—the \$75,000 Rose DeBartolo and \$75,000 Best of Ohio Distaff. She rounded out the season with seven wins from 11 outings while collecting \$189,138.

Dr. Gutheil was a member of the Board of Directors of Beulah Park Jockey Club. He had served on the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Board of Directors since 1993, eventually serving as Vice-President (2010-2012) and President (2014-2016). He received the 2017 O.T.B.O. Award of Merit.

Actively practicing family medicine on the west side of Columbus, Dr. Gutheil was the Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He received the Preceptor All Star Award as Professor of the Year; Clinical Professor of the Ohio University College of Medicine and the Assistant Clinical Professor at the College of School of Nursing at OSU. For 10 years he was the Chief of Division of Family Practice at Ohio Health Doctor's Hospital. A Vietnam veteran, he was Chairman of Anesthesia at a 400-bed hospital in Vietnam. He will truly be missed by the racing and medical community in Ohio.

## Two new members elected to O.T.B.O. board

**W**e are pleased to announce the addition of two very experienced individuals to the Board of the O.T.B.O. in Gary Falter and Dr. Tod Beckett. "What is great about Gary and Tod is that they bring to the table not only a vast knowledge of the Thoroughbred breed and racing, but they

each have an established skill set in diverse fields that will only add to the current board," said the executive director John Engelhardt. "Gary has kind of gone full circle starting out in Ohio when the program was very strong and working his way to the heart of Bluegrass country where he worked his way up in the ranks

of The Jockey Club. What is the #1 question that rises when we speak of our industry? How do we get more people involved? That is exactly what Gary has been working on through his leadership with the national Thoroughbred Owner Conference and Thoroughbred OwnerView. Dr. Beckett's experience with





Dr. Tod Beckett

horses is generational and not exclusive to Thoroughbreds. His dedication has led him to be highly involved in numerous state organizations that will lead to numerous contacts for our organization.”

Dr. Beckett grew up riding and training reining horses in Findlay, Ohio. He rode and trained with many legendary Quarter Horse trainers as a youth like Dale Wilkinson, Clark Bradley, Bill Horn and Rick Weaver. He was a member of The Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Team, and was Reining Champion at the All American Quarter Horse Congress.

He received his BA in Biology in 1980. Tod then attended The Ohio State University studying Veterinary Medicine.

In 1989 Dr. Beckett began in mixed practice in Dover, Ohio, where he had a large focus on equine lameness and reproduction. He then had his own equine practice for eight years while doing small animal medicine as well. His father, C. Richard Beckett DVM, and he founded a small animal practice in 1990 in Dublin, Ohio. The original practice expanded to two practices and a 10-doctor practice and became part of the VCA practice family in 2005.

Since then Dr. Beckett has served as Medical Director of both practices with a

primary focus on orthopedic and oncological surgery in small animals.

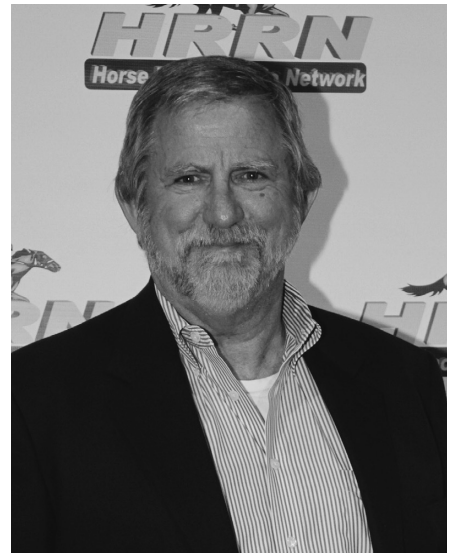
Recently Dr. Beckett has served as 2017-2018 Ohio Veterinary Medical Association President. He also has and currently works and serves on several other leadership boards: The Ohio State Veterinary Medical Advancement Board, The Ohio State Alumni Council, and Columbus State Veterinary Technology Program. This past spring Dr. Beckett was slated to replace his father, Dick Beckett, who served on and help found The University of Findlay's Pre-Vet and Equestrian Studies Program over 30 years ago. Tod also is a past President of Columbus Humane Society and still serves on their board today.

In 2005 Dr. Beckett and his wife Mary became involved in breeding Thoroughbreds in Kentucky. Their first winner was homebred Came and Gone. They have bred, raced and sold several successful Thoroughbreds over the last 13 years. In 2010 Dr. Beckett founded Beckett Racing Team, an Ohio-based racing partnership, and in 2017 they hit the pinnacle of their racing and breeding operation by winning the John W. Galbraith Stakes with 2-year-old filly Missap. She most recently defeated her male counterparts in the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes.

Gary Falter, a Columbus, Ohio, native, currently lives in Clayton, Ohio. Gary joined The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. in Lexington, Ky., in February 2000. He served as Vice President of Development and Operations until 2012. During that timeframe Gary was responsible for managing the development of commercial products for horsemen including the Equineline Portfolio service, the Horse Farm Health-book software for tablets and more recently the iPad Sale Catalog App.

Since 2012, Gary has been leading the national Thoroughbred Owner Conference and Thoroughbred OwnerView, both nationwide industry initiatives to encourage Thoroughbred ownership.

Gary has owned and bred Thoroughbreds for 35 years. In 2009, Gary and his



Gary Falter

wife Cindy were awarded with a Sovereign Award as the breeder of the Champion Turf Mare in Canada, Points of Grace. Gary previously served on the board of the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners in 1999-2000 prior to moving to Kentucky. Gary and his wife Cindy have five daughters, nine grandkids and were foster parents for 12 years. Gary is a former high school football coach and his favorite pastimes are fishing and hunting.

As a member of the OTBO board Gary will bring over 35 years' experience as a breeder and owner. Additionally, his experience on a national level as the founder of OwnerView and the Thoroughbred Owner Conference gives him a perspective on ownership recruitment and retention that can be beneficial to our membership.

His stated goal is to help Ohio breeding and ownership regain its former place as one of the top-five state breeding and ownership programs. With revenues from VLTs and casinos, he believes the Ohio Thoroughbred program has the means to be competitive with states such as New York, Louisiana, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Our challenge as a board is to lead this effort and channel all parties in Ohio Thoroughbred racing to work towards this achievable goal.

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## Ohio HBPA donates \$50,000 to support New Vocations' aftercare efforts

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program announced that the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) has donated \$50,000 to support the program's aftercare efforts at their Ohio facilities. In 2017, New Vocations took in over 450 retired racehorses, 64 of which came directly from an Ohio racetrack or farm.

"It is important to the Ohio HBPA that our retired Thoroughbreds be given a chance to thrive in a second career. We are proud to continue our partnership

with New Vocations, an organization that began 26 years ago right here in Ohio, to give our horses that chance," said Dave Basler, Ohio HBPA executive director. "New Vocations' adoption process is very thorough—it ensures that the horses will go to good homes. We know from the training they received that the horses leave the program well-prepared to begin their second careers."

The continued generosity and support from the Ohio HBPA over the last several years has allowed New Vocations to ex-

pand its rehabilitation program and ultimately help more horses. The donation comes during a time of transition for New Vocations, as the program opened two facilities upon the closing of the Marysville location. The new Ohio facilities are in Medina, to service both Thistledown Racino and Mahoning Valley Race Course, and Xenia, to service Belterra Park.

## OHIO STAKES REVIEW — JUNE 2018

### Belterra Park plays host to two stakes over the 4th of July holiday — the \$75,000 Hoover and Cincinnati

This year's 4th of July celebration seemed to start on the last day in June and run through the 8th as it fell in the middle of the week. The Ohio stakes calendar placed two stakes on the picnic tables at Belterra Park on Saturday July 7. The first one served up was the Hoover Stakes for 2-year-olds going 5½ furlongs.

As happens often this time of the year, Tim Hamm shows up with team of juveniles, well bred, fit and ready to run. In this year's edition he sent three postward in the field of nine that he bred in partnership with WinStar Farm. The trio was made the slight favorite over Drillit, a Robert Gorham trainee who scored impressively in his debut by 8¼ lengths on the Ohio Derby undercard.

After some rambunctious moments at the gate by Mari Chuy, the only filly in the field, they were sent away in good order. WinStar colorbearer Galactic sprinted to an early contested lead and after 3 furlongs was overtaken by stablemate Diamond Dust. From there it was all over but the ticket cashing as Luis Colon drew off at will to hit the wire 4½ lengths ahead of Drillit, who chased from the quarter pole

home. Going With Style finished third over first-time starter Got to Get Out. The final time was 1:05.54

"At this point it's easy to say he is the most professional of the group," said Hamm. "I think Private Drive is going to improve as distances get longer. But the family of Diamond Dust is really hot right now. I have [Marathon] a half-sister

Diamond Dust and Luis Colon return after sweeping the Hoover.

Below: Jarred Journet guides Mobil Bonnet to victory despite the saddle slipping.





by Drosselmeyer who has won three in a row and she'll probably start in the Queen City Oaks, and his 4-year-old sister [Radiant Bling] just reeled off three in a row. I trained his dam and she was very, very fast." Diamond Dust is a gelded son of Paynter out of Radiant Sky, by Leroides-animaux (Brz).

While the Hoover introduced us to a promising equine youngster, the next race, the Cincinnatian Stakes, put the talents of a young rider on display. The 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf test for 3-year-old accredited Ohio-bred fillies had only two entrants who had raced over the grass before. Mike Rone owned and trained No Truer was sent away as favorite. The winner of the \$75,000 Glacial Princess as a 2-year-old had faced older company in all three of her sophomore starts.

Another in the field who had only faced older rivals this season, and had won two of three, was Mobil Bonnet. Trainer Jennifer Tooley elected to make a rider change and gave a leg up to 21-year-old Jarred Journet, who put in a picture-perfect ride... except for one slip. "She broke out of there well and I decided to save ground," said the mild-mannered rider from Louisiana. "About the middle of the turn I could feel my saddle starting to slip. I've got some height, so I used my legs and didn't touch her. I was waiting to see if Perry [Ouzts] was coming off the rail and finally decided to go ahead and split them and we went clear from there."

The victory in the Cincinnatian was the first career stakes win for Journet. "I've had some close calls in stakes before, but this is special. I feel great—it's like my first win, not just my first stakes!"

Mobil Bonnet went on to win by 2 lengths in 1:46:18. Birdacious, who had a troubled stretch run, came on to get the second spot by a neck over pacesetter Mandi's Pride. Cincinnati is famous for its Chili Parlors and their unique three-way chili. In a race named after the city its fitting that O.T.B.O. Board member Dr. George Sikora had to sweat out a three-



Forwarned and Megan Fadlovich nip Fusaichi's Wind at the wire in the Cleveland Gold Cup.

way objection that was not deemed necessary by the stewards and benefitted from a three-way payday. Sikora heads up Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm who owns and bred Mobil Bonnet and stands her sire Mobil, thus collecting the purse, stallion and broodmare awards.

Mobil stands at the farm in Polk for a fee of \$2,500. A son of Langfuhr, he won 11 stakes, \$1,877,136 and finished second in the prestigious Queen's Plate. As a 4-year-old he was voted Champion Older Male in Canada.

## It was "Ladies Day" in the Cleveland Gold Cup... kind of

**T**he filly Misshap was successful over her male counterparts in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf test in the \$75,000 Green Carpet in her last start and her connections decided to try her again against the boys in the \$75,000 Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup for 3-year-olds June 30. Despite making her first start over the main track at JACK Thistle-down and trying 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles for the first time, she was backed at the windows to 6 to 5.

The horse that was making his first start of the season and was closing fast on

Misshap in the Green Carpet, Forwarned, was overlooked by the public at nearly 17-1. Enter the other "Lady" in the race—jockey Megan Fadlovich. Whether playing polo, barrel racing or riding in a rodeo shooting targets with a six-shooter, the 28-year-old is always up for a challenge.

"Pavel Matejka would often call me when his regular rider couldn't make it to Mountaineer," said Fadlovich. "As soon as he asked if I could ride Forwarned I started looking at his races. He would get back and make a big run and I thought it might be better to stay with the pace. He ended up being relaxed there and we had to work hard but we caught the leader in the final few strides."

The horse Megan caught was Fusaichi's Wind, who was on the lead for all of the race but the final strides. However, he lugged in near the furlong pole and shut off Over Icce and the stewards reversed their order of finish, placing Over Icce second. Favored Misshap ran fourth behind the top three. Forwarned covered the distance in 1:53.08.

Forwarned is a son of Flat Out out of Fortune Play, by Five Star Day, bred and owned by Preston Stables LLC. It was his second win in six career starts.

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## Dream of a single foal turns into full breeding operation

By Emily Shields



Via golf cart, Shirley Lojeski can reach the highest point of her sprawling Emmaus farm and survey the scene: broodmares, foals, and yearlings on lush grass, with a sparkling pond and old farmhouse crowning the property.

Lojeski dreamt of such a place as a girl, and worked hard to achieve her goal. It helps that she is in Pennsylvania, where, “The incentives and racing are really good.” She did not come from a racing family, but was horse crazy as a kid. “I guess I’ve always been horse crazy,” she amended.

She met and married Tom Treadway while showing horses, but one bucket list item nagged at her. “I wanted a foal,” she said. “I bred two mares, but one came up empty and the other unfortunately had twins in November.”

Heartbroken, Lojeski was coming to terms with waiting till the spring to rebreed the mares, then wait another year for a foal, when a friend unexpectedly passed away. “I bought his mare for \$500,” Lojeski recalled. “Two weeks later I had my foal.”

The experience taught Lojeski a lot about the breeding and foaling end of the



game, as she “spoiled the colt rotten” and watched him turn into a “beast” and ultimately sold him. “One thing led to another and I got into more and more mares,” she said. They live on her 100-acre spread in Emmaus, along with Lojeski’s stallion Tekken (Ire).

Tekken broke his maiden at Calder in 1996 and ran through the 2002 season, making 53 starts. He earned \$258,495, won a stakes race at Gulfstream Park, and was multiple graded stakes-placed in Florida, New Jersey, and New York.

Lojeski acquired Tekken as a stallion after he spent some rehabilitation time at her farm. She returned him to trainer John Servis, also a longtime friend, who called shortly thereafter. “What did you do to this horse?” Lojeski recalled Servis asking. “He won’t stop screaming!”

Tekken wanted to return to the farm and the surrounding mares, so Lojeski took him back. The stallion’s pedigree

was worthy, being by the great Nureyev out of the graded stakes-winning mare Shannkara (Ire). Tekken entered stud in 2003, and has 53 percent winners from starters over his lifetime, and average per starter of \$53,787. His best runner has been six-time stakes winner Miss Blue Tye Dye, bred by Lojeski. The filly earned \$562,385.

“Most of them ended up doing well,” Lojeski said. The Tekken runners have been hardy, with Blue Light Special earning \$312,576 over 93 starts, and Picadilly Pete has amassed \$240,321 in 52 tries.

Lojeski’s current yearling and foal crops include future runners by Bodemeister, Temple City, Smarty Jones, Congrats, Uncle Lino and El Padrino. Some of her resident broodmares are by names like Unbridled and Forestry. Lojeski also has a Smarty Jones juvenile colt out of the With Distinction mare

Schuylkill named Hay Jones to watch later this year.

Homebreds that Lojeski campaigned on the track include 2018 stakes-placed Forest Fire, a winner of three of six starts, and three-time winner Anytime Soon, both Pennsylvania-breds. During breeding season, Lojeski can have as many as 60 horses on the property, but once runners head to the track and foals are weaned, that total drops as low as 27. There are some on property living out their lives in a geriatrics pasture, where Lojeski guarantees them a high quality of life through the rest of their days.

A remarkably gracious hostess and well-rounded horsewoman, Lojeski has drawn admiration from many in the industry, such as Servis and his clients. Her dream of raising a single foal has turned into a lifestyle she treasures.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations to PA-Bred PA-Sired Dixie Serenade, breeder/owner Uptowncharlybrown Stud and trainer Ed Coletti Jr. on their first graded stakes win in the Grade 3 Victory Ride Stakes at Belmont on Sunday, July 8! The 3-year-old filly by Uptowncharlybrown made an incredible run from last to first in the stretch to pull off an impressive win at the wire.

The first two PA-Bred stakes at Presque Isle Downs were run Sunday, July 8. The Northern Fling for PA-Bred

fillies and mares, 3 & up, was won by Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Moorhead’s Rose Tree. The Moorheads bred and own Rose Tree, whose win came after a six-month layoff.

The Leematt for PA-Breds, 3 & up, was won by George Strawbridge Jr.-bred 7-year-old Beyond Smart, who was claimed by Don Brown, Tim Girten and Muirfield Farm for \$15,000 just two races prior. Congratulations to all the winners and connections!



The 2018 PA Day at the Races is right around the corner. We invite our breeders and their guests to join us on Saturday, September 1 at Parx Racing for a great day honoring our PA-Breds. Lunch, giveaways and raffles are just a part of the fun. Please RSVP by August 24.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat., April 28<br>Parx  | <b>\$100,000 Lyman S</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.<br>1st-Grasshoppin, 2nd-Driven to Compete, 3rd-Red Razzo                            |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.<br>1st-Power of Shunner, 2nd-Trace of Grace, 3rd-Formal Class |
| Sat., June 2<br>Penn    | <b>\$100,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf<br>1st-ImPLY, 2nd-Great Soul, 3rd-Advert     |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.<br>1st-Smooth B, 2nd-Midnight Poker, 3rd-Tudox Expectations                           |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.<br>1st-Bronx Beauty, 2nd-Smokinpaddylassie, 3rd-Dixie Serenade             |
| Sun., July 8<br>PID     | <b>\$100,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.<br>1st-Beyond Smart, 2nd-Fast and Accurate, 3rd-Bern' James Bern                   |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.<br>1st-Rose Tree, 2nd-War Baby, 3rd-ImPLY                  |
| Sat., July 21<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf                                                            |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf                                                                     |
| Sat., Aug. 4,<br>Penn   | <b>\$100,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf                                                         |
| Sun., Aug. 5,<br>PID    | <b>\$100,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.                                                                          |
| Sat., Sept. 1<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur.                                                                       |
| <b>PA Day At Races</b>  | <b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.                                                                     |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf                                                       |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.                                             |
|                         | <b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf                                           |
| Sun., Sept. 2,<br>PID   | <b>\$100,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.                                                                               |
| Sun., Sept. 16,<br>PID  | <b>\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.                                                        |
| Sat., Sept. 22,<br>Parx | <b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf                                                         |
| Sat., Oct. 6<br>Parx    | <b>\$100,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.                                                |
| Wed., Nov. 21,<br>Penn  | <b>\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.                                                       |
| Sat., Dec. 1,<br>Parx   | <b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.                                                       |

Total: \$2,750,000



# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

| Breeder Name                    | Breeder | Stallion | Total   | Breeder Name           | Breeder | Stallion | Total  |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Wyn Oaks Farm LLC               | 132,957 | 53,902   | 186,859 | Barlar LLC             | 55,734  | 5,131    | 60,865 |
| Donald L. Brown Jr.             | 99,882  | 25,957   | 125,838 | St. Omer's Farm        | 60,610  | 0        | 60,610 |
| Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.        | 95,910  | 23,977   | 119,887 | Godstone Farm LP       | 55,193  | 2,357    | 57,551 |
| Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 82,871  | 35,091   | 117,962 | Charles A. Cuprill     | 34,798  | 8,444    | 43,242 |
| William J. Solomon VMD          | 52,374  | 54,936   | 107,310 | Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD | 43,172  | 0        | 43,172 |
| Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 0       | 102,396  | 102,396 | Pewter Stable          | 39,161  | 2,734    | 41,895 |
| Michael W. Jester               | 73,562  | 27,593   | 101,155 | Henry R. Nothhaft      | 28,217  | 12,377   | 40,594 |
| Thomas G. McClay                | 76,499  | 0        | 76,499  | Shirley A. Lojeski     | 39,882  | 0        | 39,882 |
| Arrowwood Farm Inc.             | 73,923  | 0        | 73,923  | Smart Angle LLP        | 39,606  | 0        | 39,606 |
| Blackstone Farm LLC             | 72,956  | 0        | 72,956  | Sylmar Farm Inc.       | 38,365  | 0        | 38,365 |
| Patricia L. Chapman             | 37,424  | 30,853   | 68,277  | James M. Courtney      | 37,037  | 0        | 37,037 |
| Xanthus Farms Inc.              | 63,209  | 3,373    | 66,582  | Richard N. Miller      | 32,552  | 2,666    | 35,218 |

## LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

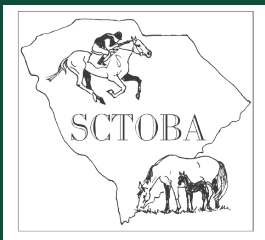
| Stallion Name      | Stallion Owner / Manager        | No. of Races | Award Total | Stallion Name      | Stallion Owner / Manager        | No. of Races | Award Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Jump Start         | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 175          | 61,723      | Silver Train       | Henry R. Nothhaft               | 51           | 12,377      |
| Weigelia           | Wyn Oaks Farm LLC               | 98           | 53,902      | Ecclesiastic       | Walmac Stud Managem't LLC       | 34           | 11,395      |
| Smarty Jones       | Patricia L. Chapman             | 108          | 30,853      | Activist           | Judith M. Barrett               | 26           | 11,294      |
| Messner            | Donald L. Brown Jr.             | 47           | 25,957      | Got the Last Laugh | Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 20           | 11,106      |
| Uptowncharlybrown  | Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.        | 22           | 23,977      | El Padrino         | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 25           | 10,186      |
| Petionville        | Everest Stables Inc.            | 82           | 23,845      | Power by Far       | Barbara J. Geraghty             | 4            | 9,259       |
| Cat Thief          | Michael W. Jester               | 47           | 21,841      | Andiron            | Tea Party Stable Inc.           | 36           | 8,628       |
| Any Given Saturday | William J. Solomon VMD          | 72           | 17,562      | Offlee Wild        | William J. Solomon VMD          | 43           | 7,353       |
| Talent Search      | Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 64           | 16,460      | Albert the Great   | William J. Solomon VMD          | 29           | 7,037       |
| Fairbanks          | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 67           | 15,504      | Love of Money      | Northview Stallion Station Inc. | 18           | 6,094       |
| Mad Flatter        | Glenn E. Brok LLC               | 46           | 14,744      | Partner's Hero     | Peter Giangiulio                | 15           | 5,914       |
| Rimrod             | George Strawbridge Jr.          | 37           | 14,030      | City Sharpster     | Charles A. Cuprill              | 44           | 5,870       |

## LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

| Horse                | Pedigree                               | Breeder                        | Races | Restricted | Stakes   | Breeder Award | Stallion Award | Owner Bonus | Total  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Grasshoppin *        | Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami            | Michael W. Jester              | 1     |            | 0 60,000 | 30,000        | 7,500          | 0           | 97,500 |
| Power of Snunner *   | Power by Far - Snunner                 | James M. Courtney              | 1     |            | 0 60,000 | 30,000        | 7,500          | 0           | 97,500 |
| Ruby Bleu *          | Messner - Ruby Soul                    | Donald L. Brown Jr.            | 6     | 0          | 0        | 40,304        | 10,076         | 21,760      | 72,140 |
| Dixie Serenade *     | Uptowncharlybrown - Moonlight Serenade | Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.       | 3     | 0          | 0        | 36,400        | 9,100          | 26,000      | 71,500 |
| Tactical Plan *      | Cat Thief - Perfect Plan               | Michael W. Jester              | 3     | 0          | 0        | 32,480        | 8,120          | 23,200      | 63,800 |
| Brazilian Symphony * | Fairbanks - Brazilian Bliss            | Estate of Joseph W Holman Jr.  | 3     | 0          | 0        | 31,136        | 7,784          | 22,240      | 61,160 |
| Charlybrown's Rose * | Uptowncharlybrown - Ambling Rose       | Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.       | 4     | 0          | 0        | 34,336        | 8,584          | 17,840      | 60,760 |
| Ignite *             | Jump Start - Perverse                  | Barlar LLC                     | 8     | 0          | 0        | 31,696        | 7,924          | 20,000      | 59,620 |
| Chasing My Halo *    | Weigelia - Halo Effect                 | Wyn Oaks Farm LLC              | 4     | 0          | 0        | 30,106        | 6,938          | 19,824      | 56,868 |
| Risque's Diamond *   | Weigelia - Diamonds No More            | St. Omer's Farm                | 5     | 0          | 0        | 27,429        | 6,857          | 19,592      | 53,878 |
| Missin the Big Dog   | Archarcharch - Merry Princess          | Pewter Stable                  | 6     | 0          | 0        | 21,791        | 0              | 25,640      | 47,431 |
| Formal Class *       | Formal Dinner - Sure Class             | Richard N. Miller              | 4     | 0          | 11,000   | 21,887        | 5,472          | 6,828       | 45,187 |
| Pink Princess *      | Weigelia - Katarica Disco              | Wyn Oaks Farm LLC              | 4     | 0          | 0        | 22,848        | 5,712          | 16,320      | 44,880 |
| Smokin Nitro *       | More Smoke - Keep Your Day Job         | Michael R. Cox                 | 2     | 0          | 0        | 23,856        | 5,376          | 15,360      | 44,592 |
| Every Step *         | Messner - Every Breath                 | Donald L. Brown Jr.            | 6     | 0          | 0        | 23,006        | 5,752          | 14,506      | 43,264 |
| I'm Sleeping In *    | Got the Last Laugh - Posse in Effect   | Ney Pessanha                   | 4     | 0          | 0        | 21,504        | 5,376          | 15,360      | 42,240 |
| Peach Alley *        | Jump Start - How Bout Tonight          | Thomas G. McClay               | 3     | 0          | 0        | 20,608        | 5,152          | 14,720      | 40,480 |
| Roxbury N Overton *  | Andiron - Centennial Cat               | Jettany Thoroughbred Corp      | 3     | 0          | 0        | 19,824        | 4,956          | 14,160      | 38,940 |
| Artistic Drifter     | Northern Afleet - Art Student          | William M. Backer Revocable TR | 7     | 0          | 0        | 15,814        | 0              | 22,592      | 38,406 |
| Nikki's Bad          | Awesome Again - Nec Metu               | Blackstone Farm LLC            | 7     | 0          | 0        | 15,904        | 0              | 20,480      | 36,384 |
| The Man *            | Ecclesiastic - Shorty's Epiphany       | Glenn E. Brok LLC              | 2     | 0          | 3,000    | 16,464        | 4,116          | 11,760      | 35,340 |
| Zipper's Hero *      | Partner's Hero - Open Zipper           | Peter Giangiulio               | 2     | 0          | 0        | 19,152        | 4,788          | 11,280      | 35,220 |
| Tiza Weigelia *      | Weigelia - Tiz the Moon                | Kenneth G. Groff               | 5     | 0          | 0        | 25,018        | 5,780          | 3,314       | 34,112 |
| Long May You Run     | City Zip - Brown Eyed Miss             | Sienna Farms LLC               | 5     | 0          | 0        | 13,860        | 0              | 19,800      | 33,660 |

\*Denotes PA-sired



# South Carolina

## Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

### Racing Across the Nation

The time between May 21 and June 20 was a banner period for graduates of South Carolina farms and training centers. Twelve stakes winners occupied the winner's circle.

On May 25, Dreamcall trailed the field for the opening half-mile in the Jack Bishop Stakes at Prairie Meadows before launching her bid three wide in the turn. In a determined effort, she got up to win by a neck. Dreamcall received her early training from Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens' Legacy Stable in Aiken.

The next day Are You Kidding Me put forth a very serious effort in Woodbine's Eclipse Stakes-G2. Stalking the leader for the first 6 furlongs, this 8-year-old split horses with just over a quarter-mile to go and fought bravely through the lane to prevail by three-quarters of a length. He went through the breaking process under the watchful eye of Franklin "Goree" Smith at his Elloree Training Center.

Pinson, a graduate of Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training Center in St. Matthews, ran like he was in a match race with the favorite in the Jim Rasmussen Memorial Stakes at Prairie Meadows May 28. It took all of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile distance to get his nose in front on the wire.

While June 9 was a special day for Justify, it also was a special day for Travis Durr, owner of the Webb Carroll Training Center. His program produced four stakes winners over a two-day period. On June 8, the 2-year-old Our Braintrust remained undefeated in two starts by capturing the Tremont Stakes at Belmont Park. Outfooted early on, Our Braintrust changed course inside the eighth-pole, went by the leader and edged away to a three-quarter-length victory.

On Belmont Day, Webb Carroll Training Center grads proved best in

### South Carolina-connected Abel Tasman and Monomoy Girl post Grade 1 wins

Abel Tasman, the 2017 Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old filly, recorded her fifth Grade 1 stakes victory in the Ogden Phipps on Belmont Day, June 9. She has finished first or second in 11 of 13 lifetime starts. Abel Tasman was prepared for her racing career by Travis Durr at his Webb Carroll Training Center.

Monomoy Girl captured her third Grade 1 stakes in a row when taking the

Acorn on the same card. She has won seven of eight starts and finished second once.

Monomoy Girl's dam, Drumette, was purchased and campaigned by Aiken resident Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable. She was a winner before being sold as a broodmare prospect. The ownership group of Monomoy Girl includes Stuart Grant's The Elkstone Stable—he is the owner of the Camden Training Center.

two Grade 1 stakes in New York. Abel Tasman, champion 3-year-old filly last year, showed she still has it, taking the lead after a quarter mile and extending her advantage throughout, romping home a 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -length winner in the Ogden Phipps Stakes. Later in the card, Spring Quality stayed in the back of the pack for the opening mile of the Grade 1 Manhattan. He had to be steered eight wide turning for home and, in a race in which 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths covered the entire 13 horse field, he made the lead in the shadow of the wire to win the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile turf test by a neck in a fast 1:58.58.

That same day on the New Jersey shore, Lift Up completed Durr's day, finishing first in the Miss Liberty Stakes at Monmouth Park. Lift Up had only one beaten while racing near the rail the opening 6 furlongs. She was able to get to the outside inside the eighth pole and surged to the wire 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  lengths in front.

The Cary Frommer grad Still Having Fun was doing just that at Belmont Park June 9. Tenth, a dozen lengths back early on in the Woody Stephens Stakes-G2, this colt gained momentum while six wide into the stretch. He took the lead 70 yards before the wire and came home 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  lengths in front.

Dr Blarney notched his second stakes win in a row in the Rise Jim at Suffolk Downs June 10. The chestnut gelding quickly took the lead and increased his advantage at every pole, being much the best as he won by 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths! This 5-year-old learned his early lessons from Travis Durr. Two more Durr graduates won stakes June 17. In the Trillium Stakes-G3 at Woodbine, Gamble's Ghost had no horses behind her after 6 furlongs. She then kicked into gear during the turn for home, rallying by all the others and arrived at the finish line a half-length in front.

Six-year-old Irish Strait has not slowed down a step, proving best in the Dan Horn Stakes at Monmouth Park June 17. Sitting right behind the leader, he took control before reaching the quarter pole and proved best in the race to the wire, winning by a half-length.

Peach of a Gal was just that in the Christiana Stakes at Delaware Park June 20. Mid-pack early on, she put in a determined drive to get up late, finishing a length in front at 16-1 odds. Peach of a Gal is a product of Cary Frommer's operation in Aiken. Both Peach of a Gal and Irish Strait are trained at Fair Hill in Maryland by Graham Motion.



# From the Editor's Desk

SCTOBA member Debi Tucker reports Monte Crista, a filly she owns in partnership with Country

Life Farm, recorded her second straight victory. Monte Crista won an allowance race at Monmouth Park June 10.

Aiken residents Jim and Debbie Miller's Lovely Bernadette won the Mint Julep Handicap-G3 at Churchill Downs June 9. Lovely Bernadette was purchased

at the 2016 OBS June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale for \$28,000. She now has career earnings of \$568,479. When in Aiken, she stays with Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens at Legacy Stable.

## South Carolina-trained winners

| Horse                 | Training Center              | Date    | Track              | Type of Race          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Don't Poke the Cat    | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/16/18 | Laurel Park        | Starter aAllowance    |
| Dr. Shane             | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/16/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| Get Ready             | Aiken - Cary Frommer         | 6/16/18 | Indiana Grand      | Allowance             |
| Hembree               | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/16/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| Love Thy Kitten       | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/16/18 | Woodbine           | Maiden special weight |
| Tough Irma            | Aiken - Cary Frommer         | 6/15/18 | Prairie Meadows    | Maiden special weight |
| Clever Serve          | Aiken - Legacy Stable        | 6/14/18 | Churchill Downs    | Starter allowance     |
| Gloves Off            | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/14/18 | Penn National      | Allowance             |
| Balk                  | Custom Care - Donna Freyer   | 6/13/18 | Mountaineer Park   | Claiming              |
| Christians City       | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/13/18 | Indiana Grand      | Maiden special weight |
| Plum Gorgeous         | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/12/18 | Louisiana Downs    | Allowance             |
| Pride of Saratoga     | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/12/18 | Finger Lakes       | Allowance             |
| Tudox Lifting Off     | Wes Carter Training Center   | 6/12/18 | Presque Isle Downs | Allowance             |
| Just Watch Me         | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/11/18 | Finger Lakes       | Allowance             |
| Point Hope            | Aiken - Darley               | 6/11/18 | Louisiana Downs    | Allowance             |
| DR BLARNEY            | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/10/18 | Suffolk Downs      | Rise Jim S            |
| Lemonade Thursday     | Aiken - Legacy Stable        | 6/10/18 | Laurel Park        | Maiden special weight |
| My Sister Caro        | Custom Care - Donna Freyer   | 6/10/18 | Suffolk Downs      | Claiming              |
| Peculiar Sensation    | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/10/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| ABEL TASMAN           | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/9/18  | Belmont Park       | Ogden Phipps S-G1     |
| Amatteroftime         | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/9/18  | Monmouth Park      | Maiden special weight |
| Dancingwithpaynter    | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/9/18  | Laurel Park        | Maiden special weight |
| LIFT UP               | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/9/18  | Monmouth Park      | Miss Liberty S        |
| SPRING QUALITY        | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/9/18  | Belmont Park       | Manhattan S-G1        |
| STILL HAVING FUN      | Aiken - Cary Frommer         | 6/9/18  | Belmont Park       | Woody Stephens S-G2   |
| OUR BRAINTRUST        | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/8/18  | Belmont Park       | Tremont S             |
| Brass Bull            | Shuler Stables               | 6/7/18  | Charles Town       | Allowance             |
| Final Chapter         | Aiken - Legacy Stables       | 6/7/18  | Finger Lakes       | Allowance             |
| Iconic                | Ellore Training Center       | 6/7/18  | Churchill Downs    | Allowance             |
| O Dionysus            | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/7/18  | Delaware Park      | Allowance             |
| Hay Dilly             | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/6/18  | Delaware Park      | Maiden special weight |
| Reason to Soar        | Kirkwood Stables             | 6/6/18  | Gulfstream Park    | Allowance             |
| Ifyou snooze you lose | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/4/18  | Thistledown        | Starter allowance     |
| Mary Costa            | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/4/18  | Parx Racing        | Maiden special weight |
| Proper Discretion     | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/4/18  | Thistledown        | Allowance             |
| Ghoul's Night Out     | Ellore Training Center       | 6/3/18  | Laurel Park        | Allowance             |
| Irish Freedom         | Ellore Training Center       | 6/2/18  | Churchill Downs    | Allowance             |
| Mr Freeze             | Ellore Training Center       | 6/2/18  | Churchill Downs    | Allowance             |
| North Atlantic        | Shuler Stables               | 6/2/18  | Charles Town       | Allowance             |
| Fancy Gem             | Webb Carroll Training Center | 6/1/18  | Finger Lakes       | Allowance             |
| Two Swords            | Aiken - Legacy               | 5/31/18 | Presque Isle Downs | Maiden special weight |
| Brown Buckeye         | Webb Carroll Training Center | 5/29/18 | Thistledown        | Allowance             |
| Goodby Brockley       | Custom Care - Donna Freyer   | 5/28/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| Klassie Connect       | Ellore Training Center       | 5/28/18 | Churchill Downs    | Claiming              |
| PINSON                | Webb Carroll Training Center | 5/28/18 | Prairie Meadows    | Jim Rasmussen Mem. S  |
| Still There           | McCutchen Farms              | 5/27/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| ARE YOU KIDDING ME    | Ellore Training Center       | 5/26/18 | Woodbine           | Eclipse S-G2          |
| Meetme At d'Street    | Webb Carroll Training Center | 5/26/18 | Indiana Grand      | Allowance             |
| T Rex Express         | Shuler Stables               | 5/26/18 | Charles Town       | Allowance             |
| Big E                 | Ellore Training Center       | 5/25/18 | Belterra Park      | Allowance             |
| DREAMCALL             | Aiken - Legacy Stable        | 5/25/18 | Prairie Meadows    | Jack Bishop S         |
| Screenwriter          | Webb Carroll Training Center | 5/25/18 | Woodbine           | Maiden special weight |
| Lady Joan             | Custom Care - Donna Freyer   | 5/24/18 | Belmont Park       | Allowance             |
| Get Ready             | Aiken - Cary Frommer         | 5/23/18 | Indiana Grand      | Maiden special weight |
| Dubby Dubbie          | Webb Carroll Training Center | 5/20/18 | Churchill Downs    | Allowance             |



# VIRGINIA

## No Refunds Becomes First Bonus Winner in New Virginia Certified Residency Program



Left: No Refunds became the first horse to win an owners bonus in the new Virginia Certified Residency Program. Photo by Jim McCue.

Right: No Refunds appears in Laurel's winners circle with jockey Jevian Toldeo, owner Bird Mobberley and her other connections. Photo by Jim McCue.

Bird Mobberley's No Refunds became the first horse to win a bonus in the new Virginia Certified Residency Program when the two year old filly kicked off the June 30th card at Laurel with her first ever victory.

The Maryland-bred scored in gate-to-wire fashion in a \$40,000 maiden special weight race. The winner, by Buffum out of More Punch by Partner's Hero, held off runner-up Nosey Josy and finished 1 1/4 lengths the best at the 5 1/2 furlong distance. No Refunds reached the winners circle in her fourth attempt. She had a pair of runner-ups in April and May and a fifth in June, all at Maryland tracks and all in the same class.

"Winning the first bonus from the certified program was exciting," said Mobberley. "I was nervous because it was a hot, hot afternoon at Laurel. There were seven horses in the race but two of them (Bye Bye Bertie and Peace Corps) were scratched after they slipped in the gate. The other horses had to be reloaded two separate times and by the process of elimination, my horse became the favorite."

No Refunds was one of four horses Mobberley's trainer, John Salzman Jr,

sent to Stephanie Nixon's Horseshoe Hill Farm in Ashland, Virginia last July to become eligible for the residency program. "They normally would send horses in September or October but because of the new program, they sent them earlier," said Nixon. "I've been breaking horses for the Salzman's for the last 15 years. They are my main client and beyond that, we're just good friends. Their business over the years allowed me to build a new barn at the farm."

"All the horses that stayed at Horseshoe Hill for six months last year are in my stable mail so I can track how they all progress," said Nixon. "I knew No Refunds had been getting close to winning, so I was extremely excited on Saturday. John (Salzman) is very quiet by nature, but he thinks I'm crazy by how excited I can get."

Nixon said the Mobberley family have always been "old school" when it comes to horsemanship and they take pride in that. "Gretchen, Bird's mother who passed away two years ago, galloped horses until she was 82 years old. They are great people and it was a thrill to be part of that first certified program win, and especially for a Maryland-bred horse."

With the victory, Mobberley scored a 25% Virginia-certified owners bonus in addition to the \$29,640 winner's share of the purse, which included some Maryland Breeders Fund money as well. A horse is eligible for a bonus if it maintains residency in Virginia for any six month consecutive period prior to December 31st of its two year old year. It must maintain that residency at a Virginia-Certified Farm or Training Center. A list with contact information can be found at [www.vabred.org](http://www.vabred.org). Owners of those Virginia-Certified horses are then eligible for a 25% bonus for non-Virginia restricted wins at Mid-Atlantic racetracks (NY, NJ, PA, MD, WVA, DE).

## Next Round Of Virginia-Bred Stakes At Laurel Set For August 4th

The second of three event days at Laurel that feature Virginia-bred stakes races is scheduled for Saturday August 4th. The upcoming leg features a four-pack at \$75,000 purse levels --- the Hansel, William Backer, Meadow Stable and Camptown Stakes. The first two will be at 1 1/16th miles and the last two at 5 1/2 furlongs. The series concludes with



five more on September 22nd --- the Bert Allen, Brookmeade, Punch Line, Oakley and Jamestown Stakes. The first pair are at the 1 1/8 miles distance and the final trio will go 5 1/2 furlongs. A total of 18 turf races will be carded this summer --- 13 stakes at \$75,000 each and five maiden races at \$40,000 each. .

New this year is a \$40,000 bonus program, to be divided among top point earning owners and trainers that participate. \$20,000 will be earmarked for trainers and \$20,000 for owners. Points are tallied in the following manner --- 5 for a first place finish, 4 for a second, 3 for a third, 2 for a fourth and 1 for every starter below fourth place. After the 2018 series is complete, the trainer and owner with the most points will each win a \$10,000 bonus. \$4,000 will be awarded for second, \$3,000 for third, \$2,000 for fourth and \$1,000 for fifth.

After the first four stakes and one maiden event, here are point standings in the respective categories:

**\$20,000 Trainers Bonus category:**

Susan Cooney - 12

John Stevens - 12

Arnaud Delecour - 10

Phil Schoenthal - 7

Kieran McLaughlin - 5

**\$20,000 Owners Bonus category:**

Mr. & Mrs Bertram R. Firestone - 10

Frederick J. Seitz, Danny Ward & John

Stevens - 10

Andrew and Beck Lavin - 8

Walter Vieser - 6

D. Hatman Thoroughbreds & Kingdom Bloodstock, Inc - 5

A. Haynes, J. Ferris, Pack Pride Racing,

M. Haynes and B. Ward - 5

## Virginia Governor Signs Historical Horse Racing Legislation At Colonial Downs

Governor Ralph Northam signed legislation to allow historical horse racing in Virginia at a ceremony held at Colonial Downs Racetrack June 22nd that was attended by hundreds. The event, held in front of the main entrance and on the front lawn, was the first at the New Kent track since it closed after the 2014 fall harness meet.

The actual historical horse racing bill was signed in April after the General Assembly passed the new measure, but

the ceremonial signing allowed officials to publicly highlight what the Governor called "A momentous occasion for the Virginia racing industry and New Kent County. It's such a good day for Virginia," he continued, "We're getting back on track if you will, and getting horse racing up and running again." Included in the crowd were industry participants, local citizens and racing fans.

The legislation is a key revenue stream for new Colonial Downs owners --- Chicago-based Revolutionary Racing. The machines, which will be based at the track and in ten Off Track Betting Centers where pari-mutuel wagering referendums are in place, will let players bet on past horse races using terminals. According to an analysis released by the company, the facility could have an economic impact of \$349.1 million when Colonial Downs reaches full capacity in 2022. It could support 1,400 jobs and produce \$41.7 million in state and local taxes.



Left: Hundreds gathered in front of the Colonial Downs main entrance to celebrate the bill signing, which will mean the return of thoroughbred racing to the New Kent track. Right: Virginia Governor Ralph Northam signs Historical Horse Racing legislation at a ceremony at Colonial Downs June 22nd.

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# West Virginia

## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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## West Virginia-breds extend boundary

by Jeff Gilleas

From the colonization at Plymouth to the American Revolution, New England has always been a center of intellectual studies and marrow of political ideologies. Massachusetts was the core of the movement for independence from Great Britain, earning it the nickname "The Cradle of Freedom." Paul Revere made his famous ride to warn locals of an impending British march to destroy supplies, but never did the good citizens of Lexington and Concord conceive of an invasion from West Virginia.

"One if by land and two if by sea" was the phrase attributed to poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. However "three if by interstate" was trainer Ollie Figgins III's credo on Sunday, June 10.

The Mid-Atlantic-based conditioner made the 8½-hour trek to Suffolk Downs hoping to reunite his charge Unaquoi with her favored surface—grass.

The optional-claiming event sported a hefty purse of \$52,500, and with his trusty truck and trailer, the ever-popular Figgins optimistically struck out for Beantown.

Unaquoi is a West Virginia-bred daughter of Gattopardo out of Jumelle Springs and is owned by her breeder, Ray Pennington III. Her career statistics sport earnings of \$194,560, with her 2-year-old campaign being the most laudible.

During that freshman season, the rapid gray/roan filly grabbed first place in the Rachel's Turn Stakes, third in the West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic and second in the Eleanor Casey Memorial.

Suffolk Downs, once home to the mighty Mass Cap, where celebrities like Seabiscuit, Whirlaway, Cigar and Funny Cide competed, is now restricted to a simulcast facility and limited race meet. Condition books circulated at Eastern tracks detailing the races offered, and Ollie was

quick to oblige. Past performances for this barn prove that traveling great distances can be handsomely rewarding.

Fans remember his former turf specialist Rouse the Cat, who ran second at Woodbine in the Nearctic Stakes-G2 and Kennedy Road Stakes-G3, and Dance to Bristol (\$980,880), who swept a series of classic distaff events, most notably the Ballerina Stakes-G1 at Saratoga, before venturing to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup.

Unaquoi, similar to the aforementioned Figgins' runners, prefers to travel with her personal jockey (Gerald Almodovar) and ran a very creditable second in Suffolk's 5-furlong turf sprint. Breaking from post position two, the normally fleet-of-foot filly accepted a stalking role, permitting the Churchill Downs invader Fiesta to open up early.

Approaching the top of the stretch, Gulfstream Park invader My Sister Caro loomed a major threat,

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pulling alongside the tiring leader as Unaquoi angled off the deep rail to secure firmer ground. As the trio separated from the field it quickly became apparent a two-horse race was starting to materialize. My Sister Caro eventually held off the late rally by Unaquoi to prevail by a diminishing margin.

The final time was a superb :57.98, narrowly missing the 31-year-old track record of :57.20. The victor was claimed from the race by owner Christopher Flumara and trainer Joe Sharp.

Surprisingly, My Sister Caro is also a West Virginia-bred who initially began her career at Charles Town under the watchful eye of Tim Grams. The daughter of Bop out of Rite of Spring (by Feel the Power), bred by O'Sullivan Farms, was quite precocious as a 2-year-old having run second in the Rachel's Turn and Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic.

My Sister Caro has found a home on the turf, primarily campaigning in the Mid-Atlantic region where she has bankrolled nearly \$300,000 in earnings.

### ***When Potential Equals Results***

Time has a way of providing healing, while increased racing furnishes experience. When Opera Nite, a son of Gattopardo out of the Evening Kris mare Nite Rainbow, made his debut on Valentine's Day, he left this writer with the impression of a big kid timidly going out on his first date.

The gray/roan gelding left the starting gate a tad slow, eased

outside of horses to secure clear racing room and then suddenly we saw why trainer Jeff Runco's expectations were so lofty. Without warning, the gawky youngster accelerated past rivals like a Porsche passing a Pinto.

He didn't catch the ultimate winner, Last Print, but his performance, at a distance not suited to his pedigree, rendered a positive omen. Since that race Opera Nite has continued his maturation process, culminating on June 21 with his commanding virtuoso presentation.

Owned by his breeder, Germania Farm, the 3-year-old stood proudly in the winner's circle as his transformation appears complete. Running one of the best 7-furlong times we've witnessed this year, (1:25.03), Runco's longtime assistant, Steve Blackford, put it into prospective, "Last night Opera put it all together." It was his third win in five starts, to go with two seconds.



Charles Town Races has been host to umpteen good horses over the years and trainer Tim Grams has been fortunate to be the recipient of a few of those gifted individuals. None in recent memory test the patience like his pesky 4-year-old Runnin'toluvya.

The son of Fiber Sonde out of Lov'emnrun (by Not For Love) scored another dominating win June 29 and per his custom, it was an adventure. On paper, winner of the 2016 edition of the West Virginia Vincent Moscarelli Memorial

Breeders Classic has it all: class, speed and desire, but disposition is another tale.

Owned by Grams Racing LLC and bred by Leslie Cromer, Runnin'toluvya requires a unique hands-on approach by his seasoned trainer. Grams may be in his 50s, however he still looks capable of handling himself in a brawl either human or equine.

On race nights his adversary is the temperamental gelding. Tim equips himself, like a gladiator preparing for the coliseum. He wears a safety vest and helmet just to saddle the roan dynamo. If that mission is accomplished, Tim cowboys up, mounting his outstanding pony while swiftly exiting the saddling enclosure.

Here is where phase two begins. Runnin'toluvya detests the starting gate, so Tim remains ever-vigilant behind the iron monster until responsibility is passed on to jockey Oscar Flores. Once in the gate, the clock becomes an enemy. Every second is a ticking time bomb. The weapon of choice for Runnin'toluvya is to rear-up and unseat his rider.

The impeccable solution is a quick start and short field, much like he had June 29, where the West Virginia-bred humbled Court Date, recent winner of the \$50,000 It's Only Money Stakes.

This year, Tim and Judy Grams emotional project has made four starts with three firsts and one second. Lifetime, he has amassed \$101,336 and unequivocally, the Grams deserve every penny!

## **NOTES TO MEMBERS**

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, [racing.wv.gov](http://racing.wv.gov).

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at [wvbreeders@gmail.com](mailto:wvbreeders@gmail.com).

◆ **WV Certificates** will be issued seven to 10 days after the WVTBA receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

◆ The new WVTBA office is located at 110 South George Street, Suite 4, Charles Town, WV 25414. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information may be found at [www.wvtba.net](http://www.wvtba.net).

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## NSA's focus on jockey safety targets concussion prevention

When a jockey parts company with a mount, no longer is it a matter of the rider getting up and preparing for the next race.

A fall or lost rider in a sanctioned National Steeplechase Association race triggers an immediate evaluation by a trained physician, who looks at not only potential physical injury that might keep the rider from performing properly but also administers a cognitive test to protect against concussion.

The concussion testing and detailed medical emergency procedures are only two of the many protections mandated by the NSA Board of Directors, which regards the safety of horse and rider as its top priority.

The NSA board's work is guided by the Steeplechase Safety Committee, instituted by the NSA board in 2012 and headed since its founding by R. Reynolds Cowles, D.V.M., the immediate past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. Through many initiatives, the committee looks at all aspects of the sport and recommends improvements to the Board of Directors.

The NSA has been a leader in Thoroughbred racing and all sports in protecting its participants—the jockeys in this case—from the short-term and long-term effects of concussions. With financial assistance from the National Steeplechase Foundation, the NSA launched baseline cognitive testing of its jockeys beginning in 2013.

The NSA effort drew from the experience of the British racing industry and has been a model for flat tracks and other racing organizations. Subsequent to the NSA's initiative, other professional sports organizations have begun concussion-testing procedures as concerns over



Senior Steward Gregg Morris

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the long-term effects of head injuries have grown.

The concussion-prevention process begins with baseline testing of the jockeys. For the convenience of the riders, four locations were established for administering the tests: the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, S.C.; the Iroquois Steeplechase in Nashville, Tenn.; the Virginia Gold Cup in The Plains; and the NSA headquarters in Fair Hill, Md.

While the baseline test is crucial for evaluating the effects of concussion, the sport lacked an adequate sideline test to be used immediately after a fall or lost rider. Again drawing on the experience of British racing, the NSA included three brief cognitive questions in its post-fall assessment form.

Any abnormal answers or other suspicion

of a concussion on the part of the examining physician then triggers an immediate and more comprehensive concussion screening, which includes memory, balance, and vestibular function.

Before the jockey can ride again, both the physical and cognitive aspects of the evaluation must be passed. If the jockey requires follow-up care, the NSA office provides the rider with information on regional centers that specialize in concussion treatment.

The race meet physician must submit a form on each rider after a mishap. The medical-evaluation form is only one aspect of a comprehensive medical-emergency plan developed last year by a Safety Committee task force headed by Gregg Morris, a senior steward and medical professional.

In addition to supporting the baseline concussion testing, the National Steeplechase Foundation instituted in 2014 a helmet-replacement program under which a rider who sustains a fall in a race can obtain a new helmet free of charge.

Because the helmet may be compromised in a fall, the NSA recommends that its licensed jockeys have two helmets available at every race meet.

Through the Safety Committee, the NSA board is continually evaluating initiatives to protect both the riders and the horses. The Safety Committee regularly examines the National Fence and has recommended enhancements such as sight lines for the fences and firmer foam rolls on the takeoff sides of the fences. Also, the Safety Committee has recommended the use of running rails at some meets to guide horses through turns.



## Go Jump Racing!







## Saratoga stakes kick off battles for jump-racing championships

Steeplechase racing began its annual visit to Saratoga Race Course in late July, and the results of the track's jump stakes races will be the first rounds of the battles for the 2018 titles, especially in the championship and novice divisions.

Monmouth Park also will stage jump races in August, with a \$30,000 maiden hurdle and a \$35,000 allowance hurdle scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 9.

The championship division had its first Saratoga test in the \$175,000 A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1) on July 26, and the sport's top contenders were to line up four weeks later for the historic New York Turf Writers Cup Handicap (Gr. 1), which also carries a \$175,000 purse.

The Smithwick Memorial was at 2 1/16 miles, and the New York Turf Writers Memorial will stretch out to 2 3/8 miles on Thursday, Aug. 23, for the New York Turf Writers.

With championship-division leader Zanjabeel taking a break over the summer, other members of the division will have an opportunity to make inroads on Rosbrian Farm's and Wendy and Ben Griswold's five-year-old, the easy winner of the \$200,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) on May 12.

Also among the division's leading contenders is Robert Kinsley's Modem, who is no stranger to the New York Racing Association tracks. Last season, he finished second in all three NYRA Grade 1 jump races, adding a place in Belmont Park's Lonesome Glory Handicap after the two Saratoga races.

Trained by Elizabeth Voss, Modem also finished second in the 2017 Grand National (Gr. 1) and was second to Zanjabeel in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois on May 12.



*Hudson River Farms' Iranistan, undefeated in his three jumps starts, handily won the Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle at the Iroquois Steeplechase.*

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Moving into the championship division is Magalen O. Bryant's homebred Personal Start, who won the Carolina Cup for novices before taking the Virginia Gold Cup's David Semmes Memorial (Gr. 2) for trainer Richard Valentine.

Saratoga also offers two stakes opportunities for jump racing's rising stars in the novice division. The Jonathan Kiser Novice Stakes was run in July, and the Michael G. Walsh Novice Stakes will be raced on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

This year's edition of the Walsh will be in memory of Charles T. Colgan, the retired National

Steeplechase Association executive vice president who was the late Racing Hall of Fame trainer's son-in-law. Colgan died in January.

New York-based Hudson River Farms has the year's top novice, Iranistan, who has never been headed in his three jump starts. The four-year-old from Jonathan Sheppard's stable skipped the maiden division, won a Carolina Cup allowance hurdle by 11 1/2 lengths before another double-digit score in a Middleburg Spring allowance, and notched a six-length victory in Iroquois' \$100,000 Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle.

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## Go Jump Racing!





## It's time to move forward with interstate medication compact

BY TOM LAMARRA

In the final week of June, the Interstate Compact on Anti-Doping and Drug-Testing Standards quietly reached a milestone. The model compact legislation, which allows the compact to formally organize when at least two states pass the legislation, was approved by both houses of the Delaware legislature and was signed by the governor.

Because Maryland lawmakers had already passed it earlier this year, the interstate compact can now be activated.

Interestingly, the development came less than a week after a Congressional subcommittee hearing on the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017 at which federal lawmakers appeared to have little appetite for putting another regulatory layer on top of a business whose primary funding mechanism is state-sanctioned and state-regulated pari-mutuel wagering.

The compact—basically a vehicle for member states to adopt and implement medication and drug testing rules, regulations and standards in a quicker and more uniform fashion—has come a long way in a short time. It was officially proposed last year in the Mid-Atlantic region, and it cleared the Maryland and Delaware legislatures in only a few months' time.

The Horseracing Integrity Act, which would grant the United States Anti-Doping Agency control over equine medication regulations, drug testing, and enforcement of penalties, has been around for several years. Before that, there were other federal bills involving federal oversight of horse racing; none of them gathered any momentum.

The compact is important, not only for its stated purpose, but because it offers the industry a viable and non-confrontational avenue to achieve what supporters of the Horseracing Integrity Act for years have claimed they want (notwithstanding the act's primary purpose is the elimination of Lasix on race day): uniform adoption and

implementation of new regulations in a timely fashion.

The compact, whose leading advocate has been the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, protects states' rights when it comes to horse racing regulation of medication and drug testing.

When a model rule is proposed by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, it will then be referred to the compact for adoption. If it determines to propose the rule, the compact will then publish the proposed rule and seek comment from the industry and may schedule a hearing or hearings.

Once the comment period ends, the compact will determine whether to adopt the rule or send it back to ARCI for further refinement. If it determines to finally adopt the proposed rule, compact members will vote to do so and set a uniform implementation date for all member states. The process significantly streamlines the current state rules adoption process.

"The bill specifies the powers and duties of the compact commission necessary to achieve its purpose, such as to act jointly and cooperatively to standardize rules for the permitted and prohibited use of drugs and medications for racehorses and to collaborate with national industry stakeholders and organizations," says an analysis of the bill that became law in Maryland.

Each member state has one vote on the compact commission, and an 80 percent super-majority vote of the total number of compact delegates is required to adopt, amend or rescind a rule. The compact language calls for a review of public comments received by each member state as well as another public comment period prior to a vote on a rule or regulation.

The legislation allows the compact to adopt "breed-specific" rules. Nonetheless, the Standardbred industry does not support the compact. Therefore, in order to

facilitate passage of compact legislation in various states for the Thoroughbred industry, the THA and other supporters decided to allow states the option to limit the compact to Thoroughbred racing.

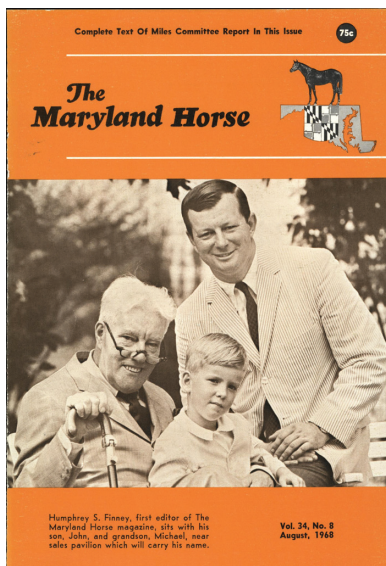
For instance, though the president of the United States Trotting Association earlier this year told the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission the compact is a good idea, Standardbred organizations in Pennsylvania oppose it. The PHRC, in a subsequent discussion, opted for a Thoroughbred-only compact that could begin moving through the legislative process after the new fiscal year state budget is approved.

The Mid-Atlantic region for many years now has worked together to adopt uniform regulations that govern equine medication and testing, and thus was an obvious choice for the launch of the compact. The region led the way on adoption of the National Uniform Medication Program as well as out-of-competition testing programs, and that has been recognized in part by the fact that states in other areas of the country are looking at the compact as a worthwhile endeavor.

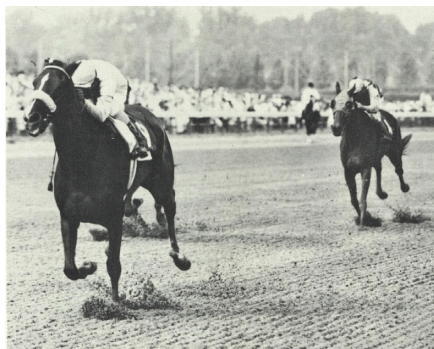
At the June 22 congressional subcommittee hearing on the Horseracing Integrity Act, one member of the House of Representatives noted after a question-and-answer period: "We're a long way from getting this fixed." That's true, and much of it has to do with a lack of consensus in the racing industry when it comes to federal oversight and elimination of Lasix.

The debate most likely will continue indefinitely, but the industry can't stand still while it does. Continually improving and updating the way states regulate horse racing must continue, and, thanks to action in Maryland and Delaware, the industry now has a far-less controversial mechanism in the form of the Interstate Anti-Doping and Drug-Testing Standards Compact. ✱





# Looking Back



**Allaire duPont's Politely, carrying top weight of 126 pounds, was an easy winner of the 1968 Del 'Cap.**



**A jumping demonstration by two all-time greats: Five-time Horse of the Year Kelso and Olympian Michael Plumb at Monmouth Park.**

## 50 years ago

■ Dedication of Fasig-Tipton's new Humphrey S. Finney sales pavilion in Saratoga brought together the Finney family and hundreds of horse people who gathered to honor the man everyone knew as "Finney."

"Founder and first editor of *The Maryland Horse*, former president and still chairman of the Fasig-Tipton Company's board of directors, Finney has been school teacher, horse show judge, stallion groom, farm manager, lecturer, author, husband, father and grandfather," wrote Snowden Carter. "Showing stakes-class consistency, he has performed with distinction in his every role."

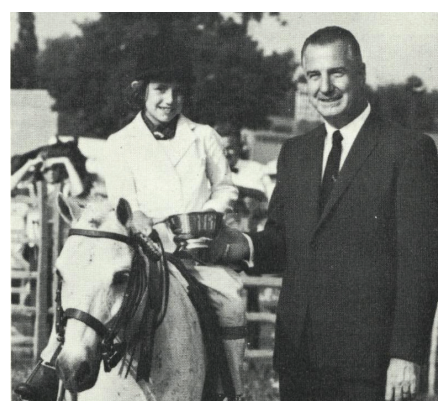
Finney reminisced in a speech, starting with his first experiences at Saratoga in 1924. "As always, Finney had his listeners in the palm of his hand. They rose spontaneously and applauded the white-haired man with the half-moon glasses who had come to Saratoga as a groom," reported Carter.

■ E.P. Taylor announced the appointment of Joe Thomas to the vice-president position of his Thoroughbred operations, placing him in charge of the Maryland and Canadian farms as well as all divisions of the Windfields racing stable.

*Thomas remained in charge until his death in 1984 at age 59 after losing a two-month battle with cancer. Under his guidance, Windfields became an international powerhouse, represented by the likes of Nijinsky II, The Minstrel, Glorious Song and Devil's Bag. Two days before Thomas' death, two Windfields-bred colts—Secretor and El Gran Senor—finished one-two in the English Derby-G1.*

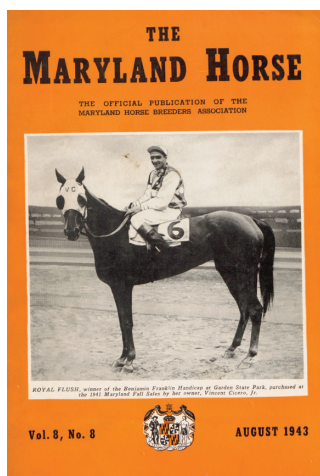
■ Rigan McKinney, former Maryland breeder and director of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, was inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame. The nation's five-time leading amateur steeplechase rider had been a force in Maryland for more than two decades before moving his breeding operation to Kentucky in 1962.

■ Maryland Governor Spiro T. Agnew made his first official visit to a horse show when attending the Maryland Pony Show



**Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew presented trophies to the champions of the Maryland Pony Show, including Linda Lee Piersol and Royal Mist.**

at Timonium. "The [show] committee made full use of the Governor's presence by turning the usually off-handed championship-awarding routine into a formal ceremony, complete with a parade of all the title-winners [champions in 16 divisions], appropriate music and an honor guard. . ."



## 75 years ago

■ Vincent Cicero Jr.'s filly Royal Flush, purchased at the 1941 Maryland Fall Sales, recorded a stakes victory in Garden State Park's Benjamin Franklin Handicap and appeared on the cover of the magazine.

*The Knave High filly, bred in New Jersey by Mr. and Mrs. Amory Haskell's Woodland Farm, sold for \$450 and salvaged a seemingly disastrous first venture for Cicero. The young owner had purchased three yearlings at the sale—it was determined one was a wobbler, the second was found to be nearly blind with cataracts. Royal Flush went on to earn \$55,745 from 111 starts and became a stakes producer, with 10 winners from as many foals.*



**Harry Isaacs purchased eight yearlings from Idle Hour Farm, including these four fillies who recently arrived at his Brookfield Farm in Stevenson, Md.**



## 25 years ago

■ John E. Mooney ended an eight-year post as general manager of Delaware Park to become senior vice-president and general manager of Laurel and Pimlico.

Mooney's hiring was part of an executive shuffle at the Maryland tracks. James P. Mango, formerly in charge of day-to-day operations, was named senior vice-president/development and mutuels. Glenn Petty came on board as a consultant regarding plans for a Maryland/Virginia racing circuit.

■ Jeanne F. Begg's colt by Silver Badge was selected as grand champion of the MHBA's annual yearling show by Baltimore native Thomas J. Kelly. The colt had yearling show connections—his stakes-winning half-sister Sentimental Tango was the Yearling Show premium award winner of 1992 as the top 2-year-old money earner from contestants shown her year. And their dam Royal Tango won her class in 1981.

Kelly, 73, had launched his career with racehorses 60 years earlier as an exercise boy at Worthington Farms in Glyndon,

approximately 10 miles from the yearling show site in Timonium. The trainer of more than 80 stakes winners, including champion Plugged Nickle, was to be inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame later that summer.

*The show champion was named Royal Silver, and he went on to a long career, making 108 starts, winning 19, and was stakes-placed twice on his way to earning just shy of \$200,000.*

*Finishing fourth in her class of 36 was a Citidancer filly who went on to much greater glory—millionaire and Grade 1 winner Urbane.*

■ The French-based Maryland-bred filly Corrazona remained undefeated in three starts with a victory in her 3-year-old debut, the Prix Vanteaux-G3 at Longchamp. The daughter of El Gran Senor was bred by Maryland horsewoman Diane Rachuba, and foaled at her Marriottsville farm. Rachuba and a partner had purchased the filly's dam Heartbreak privately in 1985 in England. The Stage Door Johnny mare's foal of 1987 was eventual millionaire and Grade 1 winner Thirty Six Red, one of the top 3-year-olds of 1990. His success resulted in Corrazona being sold as a weanling for \$550,000 later that year.

*Corrazona eventually won the Grade 1 Beverly Hills Handicap and earned \$518,218. Her dam sold at the same Keeneland November sale in 1990 for \$775,000, carrying a full sister to Thirty Six Red.*

■ Well-regarded Maryland trainer W. Meredith "Mert" Bailes died of a heart ailment at age 56. Bailes' career began in Virginia at Meadow Stud, where his father Bob Bailes was the on-farm trainer. Mert broke the yearlings, most famously Secretariat, until inheriting the farm trainer job in 1972 upon the death of his father, a position he held until the farm disbanded three years later. Bailes established a stable at Bowie in the late 1970s and counted among his best runners graded winner J. R.'s Horizon.

■ Sagamore Farm, the former showplace of Alfred G. Vanderbilt which had fallen on hard times, was undergoing more than \$200,000 in repairs. Leasing out barns were Carlos Garcia and trainer Kim Godwin. Improvements to the property owned by Patsy Ward, wife of developer Jim Ward, included new fences, repairs to the training track, a new roof on the 66-stall training barn and tree work.

## 10 years ago

■ Delaware native Rick Porter talked about the extreme highs and lows as an owner with writer Sean Clancy. In his 15 years in the business, the highs were stratospheric, with a Breeders' Cup win in the Distaff with Round Pond, a Grade 1 Alabama victory with Jostle, and classic-placed multi-millionaire Hard Spun. But the tragedy of Eight Belles after finishing second in the 2008 Kentucky Derby-G1 was haunting. "I wasn't sure I wanted to go on," said Porter of continuing the stable, but he discussed it with family, friends and trainer Larry Jones. "You try to talk it out and get it off your chest, try not to keep it inside and gradually. . . you'll never forget it, just somehow you keep going," he acknowledged.

*One year later one of his best, future Horse of the Year Havre de Grace, made her 2-year-old debut at Delaware Park.*

■ "Trainer Kelly Breen is one to watch" was the headline as the Monmouth Park-based trainer regrouped. After having his stable grow to 90 horses by 2006, he scaled back and had a stable of 20, mainly 2-year-olds, on the backstretch of the Jersey shore track in 2008, all belonging to relatively new owners George and Lori



**Rick Porter leads his rising star Hard Spun into the Delaware Park winner's circle following the colt's first stakes win in the 2006 Port Penn.**

Hall. Among the horses he unveiled was stakes-winning juvenile filly Bold Union.

*The team of the Halls and Breen proved highly successful, producing such runners as 2011 Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Ruler On Ice and millionaire Pants On Fire.*

■ Hall of Fame trainer Warren "Jimmy" Croll, a native of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and a fixture on the backstretch at Monmouth Park for more than 50 years, died at the age of 88.

Horses from the Croll barn included Horse of the Year Holy Bull, leading sire Mr. Prospector, Belmont Stakes-G1

winner Bet Twice and champions Forward Gal, Parka and Housebuster.

He took out his trainer's license in 1940 and sent out his first winner that year. After training in Maryland, New York and Delaware he eventually settled on the New Jersey-Florida circuit. He was credited with 48 graded stakes wins upon his retirement in 2002.

Croll was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1994.

■ Venerable New Jersey-bred Joey P. scored the richest stakes victory in his career by taking the \$200,000 Charles Town Invitational Dash Handicap. In recording his 15th victory in 30 starts, 11 in stakes, John Petrini's homebred trained by Ben Perkins Jr. pushed his career bankroll to \$871,918.

■ Record-setting performances occurred early in Presque Isle Downs' second meet, as Pennsylvania-breds Whistle Pig lowered the 6½-furlong mark by nearly a second to 1:15.04 in the Presidentialaffair Handicap, and Delaware River shattered the 1⅞-mile standard by more than a second, getting the distance in 1:51.95 in the Willy Wank Handicap.



# Ambassador of Luck: A perfect year in 1983

*In the 20th century, 63 runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic were named national champions. Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred's Cindy Deubler takes a look at one each month.*

The Pennsylvania-bred racemare Ambassador of Luck was a model of consistency throughout her four-year career. In 1983 she was perfection—and earned the Eclipse Award as champion older mare.

The daughter of What Luck was bred for speed, and delivered. Her breeder C.T. “Tom” Fuller was a legend in the Quarter Horse world and an American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame as well as National Reining Horse Hall of Fame inductee. At his Winterwood Farm in Unionville, Pa., the Dark Ruler mare Detente delivered a dark brown filly in 1979. The filly sold as a yearling for \$82,000.

Racing for Toledo, Ohio, businessmen Stephen Peskoff and Richard Ransom, Ambassador of Luck made 23 career starts, 19 at a mile or less. The first of her 14 wins came in her 2-year-old debut, a 16-length score at River Downs in September. She was a stakes winner next out, taking the Clipsetta Stakes at Latonia, and followed with a win in Keystone's Schuylkill Stakes. She finished the year with a second in the Grade 1 Selima Stakes at Laurel.

Bill Carrelli trained Ambassador of Luck early in her career; Flint “Scotty” Schulhofer took over midway in her 3-year-old season and sent her out to seven top-three finishes in



seven starts, five in stakes, including seconds in the Grade 1 Maskette and Grade 2 Test (the latter at 7 furlongs while giving five pounds to winner Gold Beauty, who went on to be named champion sprinter). Mickey Preger took over training duties the next year.

Ambassador of Luck's 4-year-old campaign in 1983 was brief but outstanding. Covering less than four months, from May through September, she won all six starts by daylight margins. Her crowning glory was Belmont's Grade 1 Maskette at 1 mile, which she won by 5 lengths over A Kiss for Luck. She completed the fastest 6 furlongs for a filly in New York in 1983 (1:08.60, just one-fifth

off Belmont Park's track record) and equaled the stakes record in the Grade 3 Ballerina at Saratoga, flashing 7 furlongs in 1:22.20 over a “dead” track. She recorded the same time at Belmont less than a month earlier. In her only start over a mile, she drew off in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile Grade 2 Molly Pitcher Handicap.

The season screeched to a halt when she suffered a hairline fracture while training a few weeks after the Maskette. She came back to the races the following August, finished third in a small stakes at Saratoga, and followed with a Belmont allowance win in September, but exited with another injury. She retired having finished in the top three 21 times and earning \$489,583.

The broodmare prospect failed to reach her reserve at that fall's Keeneland November sale and was bought back for \$2.3 million—four years later she sold for \$900,000 in foal to Roberto to Crystal Springs Farm and Jayeff B Stables, and remained at Crystal Springs Farm in Kentucky until her death in 1994 as a result of foaling complications. All nine of her foals sold at public auction, seven as yearlings for just under \$2.7 million, and her 1988 Alydar colt, eventual stakes winner Alydavid, was a \$400,000 weanling. She produced eight winners, three stakes horses. Her final foal, the orphaned Gone West colt Intensity, became one of New Jersey's leading sires, among his runners New Jersey-bred millionaire Who's the Cowboy.

## Gallant Fox: A rare memoir

*The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. The following is by John P. Connolly, George L. Obrstrom Jr. head librarian. For more, see [nslmblog.wordpress.com](http://nslmblog.wordpress.com).*

One of the most impressive Thoroughbreds of the 20th century was Gallant Fox, whose racing career lasted from 1929-1930. Gallant Fox was the second horse ever to win the American Triple Crown, and the term “Triple Crown” for the Derby, Preakness and Belmont was popularized during his 1930 campaign.

“The Fox” was owned by William Woodward Sr.'s Belair Stud in Maryland but was foaled in Kentucky. Following the horse's retirement from racing, William Woodward wrote a custom-printed memoir to commemorate Gallant Fox's achievements. The



National Sporting Library and Museum is privileged to hold a copy of this book, one of the scarcest volumes in the NSLM collection. Its blank leather cover indistinguishable, it has great value for its memories of the entire racing career of Gallant Fox.

One of Woodward's memories of “The Fox” was his intelligence and curiosity, even from his earliest days as a colt. The Fox's curiosity would last throughout his career, and it was the horse's custom to eye the grandstands before each race. Still, Gallant Fox's penchant for distraction led to a bad start to his racing career.

“We started him in a five-furlong race, with Peto as a companion,” wrote Woodward. “There was a good horse in the race called Desert Light. It was a small field. Gallant Fox was looking around the country when the tape was sprung and he was left about seven or eight lengths.”

Despite the bad start, The Fox recovered to finish third, kicking off an auspicious career with an impressive list of prominent wins: the Preakness Stakes, Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes (they were run in that order), Arlington Classic, Dwyer Stakes, Saratoga Cup and Jockey Club Gold Cup. Following the 1930 season, Gallant Fox was retired to stud with 11 wins in 17 races and over \$300,000 in earnings.



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East Rutherford, N.J. 07073. (201)  
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P.O. Box 188, Timonium, Md.  
(410) 252-0200. Racing Secretary:  
Georganne Hale.  
Racing dates: Aug. 24 to Sept. 3.

## OTHER TRACKS

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Dec. 4.

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Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs,  
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Sept. 10-23.

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**Open Sale of Yearlings**, Ocala Breeders'

Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154.  
Oct. 10, 11.

**Saratoga Fall**, Fasig-Tipton New York,  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700.  
Oct. 15.

**October Yearlings**, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky,  
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Oct. 22-25.

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444-1050; www.pabred.com. Sept. 1.

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Oct. 13.

**Maryland Million**, Laurel Park,  
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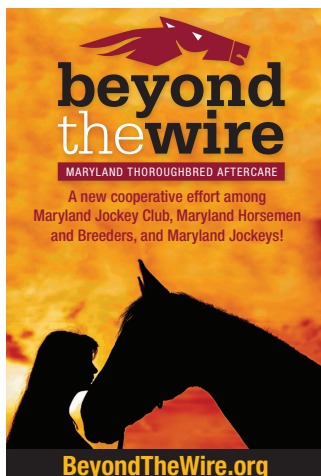
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**HOW TO SOLVE:** Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. **NOTE:** The puzzle contains no punctuation.

## CLUES

## WORDS

- A. Assign a stud more dates than he can manage 97 41 84 26 67 117 9 143
- B. Nickname for Billy Johnson, ex-NFL WR/KR: 2 wds. 78 153 1 108 39 132 65 14 121 51
- C. Adversaries 104 73 139 35 119 18 54
- D. He trained Strike the Gold, Louis Quatorze: 2 wds. 137 52 28 71 120 63 152 93
- E. G. Hofmann HOFer won '93 Filly TC, '94 div. title: 2 wds. 105 6 37 127 69 27 50 138 87
- F. Russian-born sci-fi writer penned *I, Robot* 53 151 89 110 31 140
- G. Seabiscuit jockey Pollard 21 94 135
- H. Attain success 33 129 99 112 57 8 141
- I. Equine drug-testing lab director, usually 13 124 29 55 134 77 98
- J. 19<sup>th</sup>-century star was 1st jock elected to HOF: 2 wds. 150 59 102 10 32 86 131 68 114 24 45
- K. Abbreviated name of band Trent Reznor founded 5 66 85
- L. Companion stakes to LRL's Barbara Fritchie: 2 wds. 118 46 144 79 101 7 34
- M. CAL G1-winning millionaire was Affleet Alex's damsire 83 70 146 15 60 122 25 40
- N. Ex-Soviet republic borders Russia's west 22 43 58 136 11 107 76
- O. Marc Ricker's Lexington, KY, training center 80 147 49 106 61 123 2
- P. Stall-related issue that can roil horsemen 3 16 47 81
- Q. He tried Parole, Ten Broeck in famed 1877 race: 2 wds. 48 145 36 75 103 62 4 116 23 155 91 128
- R. MD vet co-bred jumping HOFer Good Night Shirt 17 115 88 44 130 142
- S. Without vigor, as an exhausted runner 154 19 90 133 74 100
- T. SA range has highest W. Hemisphere peaks 113 38 12 149 95
- U. The Band's 'Take a load off Fanny' hit: 2 wds. 96 148 42 82 125 72 64 109 30

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| 15 M  | 16 P  |       | 17 R  | 18 C  | 19 S  | 20 L  | 21 G  | 22 N  |       |
| 23 Q  | 24 J  | 25 M  |       | 26 A  | 27 E  | 28 D  | 29 I  |       | 30 U  |
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| B. Used early   | I. On the engine | P. Lawyer        |
| C. Phishing     | J. Tammara       | Q. Eclipse award |
| D. Odds         | K. Teenager      | R. Put up        |
| E. Newsday      | L. Devil His Due | S. Lagging       |
| F. Threw a shoe | M. Omens         | T. Alfredo       |
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